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*"Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience He stands waiting, with exactness grinds He all."*

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DOMINION FROM SEA TO SEA

THROUGHOUT the ages many men of destiny have risen, to become kings and dictators, and endeavor to establish world-wide dominion. They have all failed to attain their objective, though they have succeeded from time to time in drenching the earth with the blood of the slain.

Today a sinister and evil doctrine is permeating all nations as Soviet Russia, under a tyrannical leadership, pursues a program to gain world domination by correlating and exploiting the titanic forces of nature which science has now released. Because of potential powers of destruction now placed in their hands, the evil men in the Kremlin assume that a ruthless use of the fearful weapons they have constructed will compel all nations to serve them.

But these evil men will fail to attain their objective, though they will succeed in adding an innumerable multitude to the list of the slain. World-wide dominion has been promised to one Person only. It is of Him that Zechariah was speaking when he said, "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zech. 9: 9). Jesus Christ rode in that manner into Jerusalem — not as a conquer-

ing potentate — but first as a Saviour and then as a King. Though rejected by the Jews, He will yet take the Throne of His father David and reign over the House of Jacob forever.

As the Prince of peace, He will meet the threat of the atheistical hordes of Soviet Russia, for in righteousness He will judge and make war against their evil aggression. The Soviets are planning war in the endeavor to establish their cruel and evil domination over all mankind, but God has declared, "I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord" (Ez. 38: 22-23).

In the Divine plan of the ages Jesus Christ alone is to attain world dominion and rule. Then all weapons of evil aggression will be destroyed, for He will compel men and nations to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks. Thereupon, universal peace will be established upon earth, for which men of good will in all nations have longed throughout the ages.

"He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor . . . In his day shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust . . . Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him" (Ps. 72: 4-11).

As the menace of the Red Woe intensifies, we know surely, as prophesied by Isaiah, that the enemy is certainly gathering its forces together for the avowed purpose of destroying God's people. But we also have the comfort of the promise, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord" (Isa. 54: 17).

Through the deepening shadows of coming troubles we see a distant light foreshadowing a glorious deliverance from the present enveloping darkness. For the earth is not to succumb to oppression and tyranny; it is to be established in righteousness.

YOUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national phase*, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all shortly take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race and it is very probable that *you* are of that race, thus both the Bible and DESTINY deserve your consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By

FOREWORD

what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, however, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King.

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing and pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today — the same people with the same work — now nearing the time of the full entry of the rule of God among men.

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Israel! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

MONUMENTS TO STUPIDITY

IN THIS DAY WHEN many public men and some news commentators are trying to delude the public into believing them capable of an astuteness they have never possessed, it is well to take a look at the record. When DESTINY was proclaiming the inevitability of serious trouble with Russia—at the time our nation had become allied with the Soviets in the conflict against Germany—these same public men and news commentators were lauding the Russians as great allies. They told us then that the Soviets would assist us in securing peace during the post-war period.

DESTINY dared to differ with them because the statements of the prophets did not warrant any such conclusions. Because of this stand we came under condemnation by one Sunday evening radio commentator who became the publicity agent for certain books in which we were viciously attacked for our position. At the time that radio commentator was also in favor of the Soviets and Communism.

It is most interesting to read some of the statements made in these attacks upon us. Because we were skeptical about the future good faith of the Soviets, our allies at that time, we were labeled, among many other uncomplimentary names, cohorts of the Nazis. The abusive methods to which the much publicized authors of these books resorted are now beginning to react against them and their sponsor.

We have been patiently awaiting the verdict of time, knowing very well that DESTINY would not only be vindicated but that those who were so vehement in their denunciation of the magazine and its editor would prove to have played the role of fools. One of the supposedly subversive statements from DESTINY given much adverse publicity by one of these smear artists was taken from an editorial titled, "Would Defeat of Hitler End the War?" in our issue of November 1942. Would to God the leaders of our nation had believed and acted upon what was so clearly delineated in that editorial, its conclusions being based upon the information given us by the prophets in the

Bible. This editorial is reprinted here in full and, in the light of transpiring events since it was written, it proves to be an illustration of the asininity of the attacks made upon us:

"One would think from reading the comments in the daily news, and from listening to the conversation of many, that all that is necessary to win the war and secure the blessings of peace is to defeat Hitler. Nothing could be further from the actual facts.

"Voices heard at the American Wailing Wall, the public press, give the impression that victory will come when Hitler and Nazism are defeated. We agree, they must be defeated, but will it end the war?

"What are the actual facts? Let us assume for the sake of argument that the bombing of German cities and the stand of the Russians, with the losses sustained by German armies, finally breaks the morale of the German people and destroys their will to continue the war. While we question this happening at present, yet if Germany should sue for peace and finally accept terms which would mean unconditional surrender, would we then be through with war?

"Would it be expected, because Germany collapses, that Japan will also collapse and be willing to immediately evacuate all the territory she has taken and also surrender unconditionally? No man with any knowledge of conditions would for one moment think that would come to pass.

"Peace terms must be made around a conference table. Would all those who are at present united in a common task of bringing Germany to her knees be able to agree when they have accomplished their objective? Would Stalin, who already feels that England and America have been on the side lines watching—while Soviet armies have been taking the brunt of the German attack as they desperately fight to hold back the hordes which have invaded their land—be willing to accept any other terms of peace than those of his own dictation? May he not say to Great Britain and the United States, 'We alone made victory possible by our stand against the Germans; their defeat is due solely to our armies and this is what we now demand!'—and would that demand include terms which would make the Sovietization of all Europe inevitable?

"No! The defeat of Germany will not end the strife, but may increase the conflict and extend its borders: bringing internal dissension on a scale never before experienced in Anglo-Saxon lands. Let Moscow take a stand contrary to the wishes of our

government and there will be thousands of Communist sympathizers within our own borders, and within the confines of the British Empire, who will go all-out in their support of the Soviet Union.

"Let us not be deceived by present conditions, nor be caught unaware by events brewing within our own land that may yet arise to trouble us in a war that would not end but would, with the defeat of Hitlerism, intensify the many problems at present held in abeyance. Those who feel that no such difficulties can arise are in for a rude awakening."

Has not time already vindicated our position? Should not the subversive label be placed upon those who have maligned us in the past and made the statements in the quoted editorial the basis of an attack upon us and our work? Those smear artists were blind as bats to the trend of events and not until the march of the news completely bowled them over did they begin to see. Now this same Sunday evening radio commentator would have the public believe he always knew Russia would be aggressive, when, in fact, his record shows otherwise.

All manner of fun was also made of our position concerning the results of rationing but Great Britain's experiences have since proved beyond question the stupidity of those who tried to smear us because we said it would not work out the way they said it would.

We are now awaiting the next verdict that time will shortly render as to the accuracy of our position on the economic outlook, which also was challenged by those who have attacked us. Their published literature is now rapidly becoming monuments to their stupidity and lack of foresight and understanding.

POISONING OUR FOOD

DR. ANTON J. CARLSON, Professor Emeritus of Physiology at the University of Chicago, in an address before the 114th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, stated:

"Real poison is being injected into America's food in the form of agene, a vicious gas, made up of three parts chlorine and one of nitrogen."

Agene is used as a bleaching agent to whiten commercial flour. Dr. Carlson continued by saying:

"Tests have proved it [agene] causes paralysis and epilepsy in animals. We have found that agene turns protein elements found in wheat into nerve poison. Even the bugs won't eat it. So they feed it to humans."

The Doctor then went on to declare he was firmly convinced that this bleaching substance is responsible for nervous excitability. The following is to the point:

"We build hospitals for the sick. Then we allow men to devitalize our foods and sell injurious medicines and dope to the people in a thousand different ways, all for financial gain. As a people we completely ignore every requirement God laid down for our health. And we call ourselves civilized." (*Study in Daniel*, pages 128-9.)

For financial gain men have been willing to contribute to the suffering, sickness and death of others. It is a responsibility they must face later for God will require an accounting in the day of judgment. The responsibility does not rest alone upon those who are thus contributing to the break-down of the health of many; the constituted guardians of our people who have the authority to prevent such practices by legislative enactment, and fail to curb

them, become partners in that responsibility. Greed for gain and the desire for wealth are responsible for the sale to the public of many contaminated foods and drinks, and the devitalization and poisoning of our food supply is carried on in the name of good business. No wonder God has pronounced judgment upon our entire system of economic activity since it has become the habitation of all foulness.

TIME SUPPLIES THE ANSWER

WE HAVE OFTEN said in *DESTINY* that time will give the verdict as to the soundness of the position we have taken regarding the utter impracticability of attempting to work with Russia. For years *DESTINY* has pointed out the impossibility of trusting the Soviets and attention has continually been called to their evil encroachment upon the rights and into the territory of other nations. But it has been very difficult to arouse the American people because their own government has been telling them otherwise and news which should have been promptly released has been deliberately withheld. The recent publication by the State Department of Nazi secret documents on Nazi-Soviet relations from 1939 to 1941 merely confirms what *DESTINY* readers were told during those same years concerning the prevailing situation as outlined by the prophets.

We understand that these documents came into the possession of the State Department following the defeat of Germany, but what is most difficult to comprehend now is that this same department has been a party all the while to granting continued aid to Russia. If it is argued that it took time to translate and study these documents, what of the information disclosed by Rev. Bernard J. Hubbard, a personal friend of the late President Roosevelt, who said:

"On the day he died, President Roosevelt received a diplomatic packet from our ambassador in Moscow in which Marshal Stalin repudiated every promise he made at Yalta. I believe he died of a broken heart."

Why have the American people been kept in ignorance so long about all this? If these facts had been made known at the time, the United States would not be facing a situation today which they are now so unprepared to meet. Public opinion would long ago have forced a stand against all appeasement of the Soviets if the facts had been given to the American public. Also, there would have been a demand by the public to stop lend-lease and the shipment of other goods to Russia that could not have been ignored.

In the light of these belated disclosures, how can any American remain confident and trust his own government or have faith in the integrity of those charged with public affairs? Logically, the next question he will want to ask is, What other facts are being withheld? If men in office are capable of practicing such deception upon the public concerning Russia, telling us publicly by specially prepared propaganda that Russia can be trusted, how can we trust them with the responsibility of the future safety of our nation?

A thorough housecleaning of the State Department and other governmental agencies is long overdue. At the very time when the State Department was fully aware of Russian duplicity, ranking functionaries were publicly supporting Soviet moves in the Balkans and acquiescing in the Communistic evil aggression in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland. In *DESTINY* for June 1945 we wrote under the editorial title, "The Great Confederacy":

"Moscow may temporize for the present because of world opinion and thus delay the final move for world rulership until a time when Stalin will feel confident that he can ignore world opinion. That move will come when the confederacy has been strengthened and its military might made sure. Thus, many nations are preparing to march under the Red Banner * while God, through His prophets, has used Soviet Russia and this coming Great Confederacy as an event sign of major importance! Because this is so, Prof. C. A. L. Totten of Yale University could write in 1897 A.D.:

"We pronounce Russia the enemy of Great Britain and America . . . we voice the prophets in damning her policy, we warn the English-speaking race wheresoever they are colonized, and under whatsoever flag they are marshalled, that Gog, the Land of Magog, the Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, is their sworn and determined enemy to the sword's hilt."

"If Professor Totten could see this fact so clearly from the Bible prophecy and current history in 1897 A.D., what would he say were he alive today? If Russia was a menace forty-eight years ago, under Godless Soviet direction today she has become a thousandfold more dangerous."

If we had other than *little men* directing the affairs of government today, they would have foreseen all this which was so clearly recognized and published in *DESTINY*. But lacking the true insight of statemen, the mental caliber of these *little men* is reflected in their bungling of the affairs of state. In "The Leopard's Spots" (*DESTINY* for June 1945) we wrote:

"The death of President Roosevelt has now brought into question many of his personal commitments. Lest our present leaders forget the importance of heeding the warning to remain aloof from such alliances, God asks the question and by inference answers it:

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer. 13: 23.)

"Study the history of Communism from its inception under the Soviets. What a terrible spectacle! Infidel, atheist, agnostic and skeptic can well be applied to its leaders who fight against Jesus Christ and His laws, vowing they would destroy God and drive Him from His throne. Millions were murdered in order to establish godless control over the unfortunate Russian nation. The Bolsheviks murdered and burned the bodies of the Royal family of Nicholas II of Russia and the world was horrified. Those who apologize for the past misdeeds of these murderers try to tell us they have now changed and become respectable. But when the full story is told of Soviet tyranny in countries recently occupied, the picture will be far from pleasant. When the facts are fully known, it will be recognized that the spirit of cruel oppression still lives in the hearts of these evil men.

"At the moment, Stalin and his cohorts are endeavoring to gain their objective with the least possible trouble to themselves. It is by giving a minimum of concessions so long as their program can continue, for in this way they hope to finally attain their objective. But anyone who for one moment assumes these former Bolshevik leaders are ashamed of their past deeds and have now become saints ready to help lead the world into the paths of peace are unmindful of God's appraisal of their evil acts and of the inability of such evil men to change their ways any more than the Ethiopian can change his skin or the leopard his spots!"

Soon after Germany invaded Russia (nearly seven years ago) we wrote in *DESTINY* for August 1941 under the editorial title, "Germany vs. Russia":

"If Communism should win in the present struggle against Germany, the outlook for Europe would be dark indeed. The

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leaders of Russia are without mercy to the vanquished and desire the overthrow of all governments, including those governments from whom they are now willing to accept help in this crisis. These leaders are perfectly willing to accept help from America and Great Britain now, but a victorious Soviet government will readily turn upon those who helped them, when it is to their advantage, in the same way that Germany has now turned upon Russia."

Seven years later this prediction has been fully verified and Russia has turned against the Anglo-Saxon world in spite of all our nation did to help her win the victory over Germany. Because of the stupidity of our leaders in failing to recognize all this and, even after knowing about the treachery of the Soviets, to withhold this information from the people, the honest American citizen has lost confidence in the statements being made by governmental officials today — and no wonder! Honest dealing and frankness of expression in carrying on the affairs of government are essential if public opinion is to be directed into proper channels. This lack of frank honesty with the public has prevented our citizens from becoming fully aware of the duplicity of the Soviets and how impossible it is to do business with Stalin. Now we face inevitable conflict that might have been avoided if our nation had been aroused to the Soviet menace in its inception but, thanks to the self-importance of *little men* in office, this was not done.

CONDEMNED CITIES

JESUS CHRIST COMMISSIONED His disciples to carry the Gospel of the Kingdom to others and He included in that commission all those whom He has since been calling throughout the centuries to follow in their footsteps. But our Lord was also aware that doors would at times be closed to His messengers and so He said:

And when entering a house, show respect to it. And if the family is worthy of you, let your blessing come upon it; but if it should prove unworthy, keep your blessing to yourselves. And if it will not receive you, nor listen to your discourse, departing from that family or that town, shake the dust from your feet. I tell you indeed, that it will be more endurable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment, than for that town." (Matt. 10: 13-15, *F. F. Trans.*)

This judgment is not pronounced upon those who reject the Gospel of personal salvation but upon those who reject the Gospel of the Kingdom. It is a fearful and terrible judgment that is thus passed upon individuals, families and cities that refuse to allow the message of the Kingdom to be proclaimed in their midst and who reject the messenger.

These are not our words; they are the solemn utterances of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the many years *DESTINY* has been proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, multitudes have accepted the message, but also during that same time many individuals, families — and even cities — have rejected it to their own condemnation.

Every prophetic timetable points to the near approach of the day of judgment when those who have rejected truth must face the consequences of their rejection. Cities which have refused to allow its proclamation will also come to judgment. Sodom and Gomorrah were overwhelmed by fire and the ruins of these cities are covered by the waters of the Dead Sea. Yet, in spite of this terrible judgment upon those ancient cities, our Lord states their judgment is more easily borne than the judgment to come upon the people and the city refusing today to listen to the Kingdom mes-

sage. Just as surely as judgment is pronounced upon nations for their rejection of the righteousness of the laws of God, so, too, judgment is now coming upon cities which refuse to allow the messengers of the Kingdom to proclaim the glad tidings of the Gospel in their midst.

PRESIDENTIAL YEAR

HISTORY REVEALS SOME interesting internal situations that played into the hands of a nation's enemies. In the siege of the City of Babylon, Cyrus waited to attack until the night the great feast was being held in the Palace of the Babylonian King. The attention of all the leaders of Babylon was taken up with the feast that Belshazzar had prepared for a thousand of his lords. That night the city was taken and Cyrus became master of Babylon.

The year 1948 is one in which the leaders of our nation will be increasingly occupied with the ceremonies surrounding two great political conventions. The minds of many will not only be upon the conventions and their activities, but preparations for the November national election will occupy the attention of many to the exclusion of other important matters. Even international questions of tremendous import will be considered of less significance than the domestic issues upon which the influencing of many votes hinge.

Russia is fully aware of the political situation in the United States and the Kremlin may be expected to take advantage of this domestic situation in its planning as the Supreme Soviet pursues its plan for world control. As we approach convention time, the international situation is very likely to become increasingly tense, for this is to be a most critical year in the history of the United States of America.

THE MASK REMOVED

NO ONE TODAY NEEDS to have further doubt about the purposes of the Supreme Soviet. Any American who continues to remain in love with the Kremlin and the doctrines of Karl Marx is at heart treasonable to the American form of government and its Constitution and is against the American way of life. Opposition on the part of the Soviets to the so-called Marshall Plan is a clear and definite stand against European recovery. The refusal to consider peace terms for Germany can have only one objective—the continuation of chaos for the purpose of capitalizing upon the ensuing instability. The Soviets thrive upon confusion and are little concerned over the suffering they cause, or the many who may perish, as long as their program to Sovietize Europe continues unabated.

But the Marshall Plan will not accomplish the purpose for which it is being instituted. Money and goods cannot restore spiritual values and it is the loss of those values that is afflicting Europe today. Not until the spiritual outlook is restored and faith is strong once more will the inhabitants of Europe truly settle down to work. Meantime, many are embued with the Marxian philosophy and the expectation of getting something for nothing.

The day will come when the entire ideology of government based upon the subversive program and beliefs of Communism will be known for what it actually is. Soviet Russia has already indicated how evil and cruel its type of administration can be. Unfortunately, there are many adherents of this evil ideology, even in Anglo-Saxon lands, with Henry Wallace spearheading a political move to

further the interests of this ideological concept in the United States.

The ultimate decision will be made upon the field of battle, for it is there that Russia intends to settle the fate of the world. God has accepted the challenge but He has decreed that out of this battle will come real peace, for the foes of righteousness will perish. The annihilation of all evil aggression will bring destruction to the armed hordes of Russia and her satellites. The eyes of mankind will then be opened, for the way of peace will be revealed to be through the restoration of the Divine law, administered by the House of Israel.

WASTING OUR SUBSTANCE

SENATORS WHO MADE trips last summer and fall to Europe have reported upon returning about the tremendous waste of materials they saw which had been sent to Europe from the United States. One Senator reported seeing in Greece on a dump outside of Athens new American-made electric refrigerators, tractors, Diesel engines, and hundreds of unopened boxes of shoes and other goods given to help the people, all unused, rusting and deteriorating on the open dump.

This leads one to wonder just how much more of our substance—for which we have been taxed—is to be squandered as our government continues its program of purchasing goods for shipment overseas. The inflationary trend in the United States is in a large measure the result of competition by our government in the open market, purchasing commodities needed by American citizens.

We are wasting our substance on those who do not appreciate it and a government drunk with power continues high taxation in order that it may finance its spending spree. Our resources are being exhausted in a vain attempt to purchase lasting peace as we send goods abroad which are despised by the recipients of our generosity.

UNLESS GOD INTERVENES

WE REMEMBER very well the scorn with which one was greeted in past years for even suggesting the possibility of world-wide destruction. Impossible—so we were told. But that such a destruction did take place in prehistoric times is clear from a study of the Bible. (See *Documentary Studies*, page 222.)

Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias, U.S.N. retired, states that there are weapons, apart from the atomic bomb, which could wipe the last vestige of human, animal and vegetable life from the face of the earth. Furthermore, he declares they are being manufactured right now and that these weapons are not an American monopoly. Several nations are known to have them. These modern weapons permit the waging of intercontinental warfare from long distances. We are informed that the weapons are of such a nature that their lethal quality continues long after actual use. Areas subjected to attack would have to be quarantined and it might be a thousand years before the territory would be able to support life again.

Jesus recognized all this and, knowing that man in his inane desire to grasp world power, if left to himself, would destroy the human race and make the earth uninhabitable, declared that God would intervene (Matt. 24: 22) for the sake of the elect (Isa. 45: 4). The fulfillment of this prophecy is the only hope today for the survival of the human race.

The Way to Peace

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SOME DAYS AGO I listened to a broadcast from Washington, D. C., in which a brief summary of conditions in the United States was given. The predominant note emphasized by the speaker was that there is a haunting feeling of fear, ever growing in intensity, present in the minds of the majority of American citizens. He described this anxiety as due to the ever-increasing inflationary trend; to the ever-mounting and abnormally high prices of everyday commodities, which he said were leading to widespread talk of the possibility of further demands for wage increases — a course which, if followed, would inevitably lead to a still further increase in the high cost of living. He said, too, it was being stated quite often that there would probably be a sudden collapse in the inflationary process which might induce a severe depression. Added to all this, said the speaker, was the spectre of the fear of outbreak of war. It was now generally conceded that there is very little, if any, possibility of an agreement being reached between the two hostile camps into which the world is now divided. And conditions in Europe, with war already in progress in Greece, Palestine and the Middle East, and in China, were augmenting the uneasiness felt so widely among thinking people. The speaker made no comment on the conditions he outlined, nor did he offer any suggestion as to how they could be overcome. Remember that he was speaking from Washington, the center of government and the capital of what is generally regarded the wealthiest and most powerful country in the world at the present time. It is to be presumed that, by virtue of his position as a news correspondent and commentator, his sources of information are reliable, yet his whole theme was the spirit of fear, haunting the minds of the American people.

Listening, there came instantaneously to one's mind the statement of our Lord regarding conditions as He declared they would be at the end of the age immediately prior to His return:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." (Luke 21: 25-26.)

There also came to hand an article just published in a very well-known and widely read Canadian magazine. It is an article in which the writer is endeavoring to discuss the possibilities of war and peace over the next few years. I use the word "endeavoring" deliberately because I want to again emphasize the fact that no intelligent or worthwhile appraisal of present conditions and future possibilities can possibly be made while the supreme and vital factor is left out of the reckoning. That vital factor is God and His Divine plan and purpose for humanity. I have no doubt the writer of the article, the publishers of the magazine, and a very large number of its readers, would laugh that idea to scorn. You see, we have, during the past generation or so, become so imbued with the doctrine of self-determination that the thought of God and His purpose in relation to human history and the future of the world very rarely enters our mind. It is all right to think about God for a few minutes on Sunday perhaps, or to take Him into consideration when, as is sometimes forced upon us, we give a little thought to a future life in the hereafter. But to take God into account in relation to the everyday happenings of this prosaic and very material world — well, it just isn't done you know. That is the modern trend; and it is all so hopelessly wrong. It is in fact very largely — indeed almost wholly — responsible for the conditions in which we are involved. As I have so often emphasized, it is still true "that the most High ruleth in the Kingdom of men." It is still true that the Kingdom of God will function — and soon — on this earth, and that Jesus Christ is the coming, supreme world Ruler, under whose Sovereignty alone world peace and social security will be established and enjoyed.

The writer of the magazine article apparently has a very low opinion of the mentality of his fellow men, for after discussing the possibilities of another world war, and emphasizing the danger of atomic and bacteriological weapons of warfare, he asks the question, "Shall mankind survive or shall we continue our habitual quarrels until we are all dead?" After making reference to the disputes between the Jews and Arabs in Palestine, the Hindus and Moslems in India, Chiang Kai-shek and the Communists in China, as well as the clash between Communism and Capitalism everywhere, he says:

"If we were spectators from another planet, we could enjoy this ridiculous spectacle and laugh comfortably over the exquisite absurdity of a species so blind to its own most obvious interests. But as, unfortunately, we belong to this lamentable species and must share its fate, such detachment is not possible for us. The most elementary impulses of self-preservation demand that we should find a way out."

Then, after having affirmed that "world control of the atom is our only hope of survival, even if we have to go to war for it," the writer concludes by stating various propositions, all of which depend upon the acceptance of the first two which I quote:

1) "Mankind cannot long survive in this age of scientific warfare unless great wars can be prevented."

2) "The only way to prevent great wars is to create a single government possessing a monopoly of more formidable weapons."

Of course, the whole article is based upon that specious type of reasoning which assumes that man is self-sufficient and all-sufficient; that he can pull himself out of the morass of difficulty into which he has deliberately floundered by his own boot straps; and that all reference to another and Supreme Power is superfluous. It is the type of reasoning common to and accepted by the agnostic mind and it will doubtless be endorsed by those whose only bible is the newspaper and the magazine. The

writers of such articles are vainly flogging the dead body of a defunct humanism. They are in effect following the example of one of the arch exponents of humanistic philosophy, who wrote shortly before his death:

"This world is at the end of its tether. The end of everything we call life is close at hand, and cannot be evaded."

The more the writer scrutinized the realities around us the more difficult it became to sketch out any pattern of things to come.

That, of course, is a hopeless philosophy and, what's more, it is untrue to fact. The shape of things to come is clearly to be seen. It has been portrayed all down the ages in the Bible, in which is clearly given the detail of "the things which must shortly come to pass and the things which must be hereafter." Right now we are being given the final opportunity to recognize and prepare for the new world order which is to be.

The Archbishop of York seems to have recognized this fact when, in the course of a Diocesan Letter, he said:

"The Biblical declaration that the end of the world will come suddenly is driven home to us with fresh meaning. The writing on the wall of threatening doom and destruction can now be read by all thoughtful men. This interval gives mankind what may prove to be its last chance."

But this "doom and destruction" is reserved for all those things which are in opposition to the Divine will. God is now engaged in that shaking process to which the Prophet Haggai refers:

"For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come." (Hag. 2: 6-7.)

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews comments upon this statement:

"Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are [*margin*: that may be] shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." (Heb. 12: 26-27.)

What is taking place now is the demolition of all those things in our modern system, in the erection of

which we have ignored the Divine plans and specifications in every sphere — political, economic, social and religious. From the ruins of these man-made systems will emerge the perfect world order, which will be in fact the Kingdom of God functioning here on earth.

The writer of the article in the Canadian magazine to which we have been referring is perfectly correct in saying, "There is just one way to peace." But the way he suggests is absolutely wrong. World peace will soon be established but it will be established by God, who declares, "I will make a Covenant of Peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant unto them." But that Covenant of Peace will not be entered into until the enemies of God and of Christ have been finally defeated at the battle of that Great Day of God Almighty and Israel, His people, who are the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, make their inquiry of Him to do for them what they at long last will be compelled to recognize and acknowledge they cannot do for themselves.

Divine intervention in this time of chaos is coming. However, God will intervene and come to the rescue on His own terms. There must be a national return to acknowledged allegiance to God and absolute obedience to His laws. There must be a national preparation for the return of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. As the preliminary to these important steps there must be repentance on the part of State, Church and people.

But our trouble is that, being still

what our forefathers were, a stubborn and stiff-necked generation, we are not yet prepared to acknowledge our utter dependence on God, to worship Him, to give Him thanks and return wholeheartedly to His commandments — although by so doing we would immediately inherit the fullness of His promised blessings. Unbounded prosperity would be ours; all sickness would cease and what a blessing to the families of the whole world we could be. This national acknowledgment of God and our return as a nation to His laws and commandments comprise the only sure way out of the present chaos into assured and permanent peace.

This is the way we will eventually take. God is at the present time leading His people through much tribulation into the Kingdom of God. Just how much more severe that tribulation is to become rests entirely with us. If we continue to blindly disregard the Divine plan and purpose, and thus ignore our place within it, the stringency of the tribulation will be increased. The system in which we have immersed ourselves has to be destroyed. Already Babylon the Great is falling and God has exhorted His people all down the ages, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues." We have in the past ignored the exhortation; we shall continue to do so at our peril. The Desire of all nations is near. This time His fan is indeed in His hand; He will thoroughly purge His floor and gather His wheat into the garner. Then He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

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REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

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Stalin

THERE HAVE BEEN many rumors lately about Stalin. Some said he was dead; others declared him to be dying. The facts are as follows:

For the last two or three years Stalin's health has been poor. (This has been frequently reported in these pages.) He is now sixty-nine and, after years of plotting and hard living, finds life burdensome. He is sick physically and mentally unhappy. Lack of personal friends and a good deal of pain make his life miserable.

The man has become a lonely invalid, spending much of his time at Sochi studying various reports sent him by scientists who claim new discoveries for prolonging life. Astonishing though this seems, it is, we believe, true. His physical strength is slowly waning, and he is no longer able to enter protracted political struggles. The days when he could enjoy a wild night drinking vodka and liqueurs till the early hours are over.

His heart is weak and some observers have the impression that he suffers from an internal ailment which seems to cause spasmodic agony. Moscow no longer suits him; he spends more and more time in the mild South.

When eventually Stalin goes, the struggle for power will not, we think, be an open one. It will take place behind the closed doors of the Political Bureau. Our informants do not think that Molotov's chances of gaining the throne are decisive.

Upon this background of a declining Stalin, and the personalities around him, the big news must be seen. No information coming from the Soviet Union suggests the slightest chance of conciliation. On the contrary, as we have so often said, consolidation behind the iron curtain will become greater. There will be ever-growing pressure upon every country in the Mediterranean, and along the belt running across Asia from the Near to the Far East.

The Situation in Germany

German economy in general is characterized by lameness. This extends to all branches of activity.

Industrial paralysis is almost greater in Western Germany than in the East. The dismantling of so many plants, both large or small, even those needed for vital peacetime production, is the main cause. Even power stations have been pulled down.

German industry was a unit; such large enterprises as Krupp and I. G. Farben had numerous secondary plants necessary to peacetime production; the main industry having been dismantled, the secondary plants have to stop. In many instances the main plants were also the sources of fuel or power.

This dismantling of factories was decided upon for two reasons. First, for reparations and secondly, to destroy war potential.

Reparations are being carried out according to the Potsdam Agreement. The biggest case is the Essen Krupp factory, *part of which it is to be feared has gone or is going to Russia. It is further rumored that in the area of Tiflis a complete new Krupp-town is being built with the help of German technicians and with a potential which is expected to be greater than the Essen Krupp industry itself.* If this be true then Britain is actually sending to Russia the potential of war.

The second reason for dismantling is the destruction of German war potential. This aim is widely interpreted and often leads to the destruction of peacetime factories under the pretext that these *might* be used at some future date for wartime production. While the French and the Americans are relatively liberal, the British and the Russians are stringent.

The main raw materials left in Germany are coal and wood. Both are being recklessly exploited and exported. In the British Zone forests are badly administered. Lumbering is in the hands of Canadians who cut down the trees according to their standards, which do not suit the European continent.

Wages have been kept at the 1945 level; but the cost of living has risen. Moreover, the Allies have stopped the old family subsidies. The miners generally have big families, and without the subsidies they can no longer buy even their basic food ration. Many children are thus condemned to permanent ill health, if not death.

One of the most impressive sights in the big industrial centers are the children. They have enormous eyes set in thin little faces. They are desperate. They never laugh and seldom play.

Many children have left their homes. Like the Russian children of the 1920's they simply roam about. Sometimes their parents have sent them away, being unable to keep them alive. These children go stealing and robbing. They quite often die of cold in some lost place.

Further News of External Russian Politics

In 1946 one of our chief European observers sent us a copy of a secret order circulated by the Russian authorities to their agents in Budapest dated April 3d. We published it at once; here it is again:

"In the last few months vital information has reached a notorious agent of the British Intelligence Service, and widely known British reactionary, de Courcy. This man publishes a small sheet, *Review of World Affairs*, which has a tremendous influence on American and British political thinking. This paper has continuously printed damaging information on Hungary and other eastern countries, which information is dangerous because it is accurate, and tends to prove that the informant has the most intimate contacts in the highest circles. A check of foreign correspondents has shown that they are not the source, because none of them has real contacts in such high circles. Special investigation in order to discover de Courcy's source of information must be redoubled, with special attention to the possibility that the source may be within the foreign military missions here."

Events have recently shown just why Russia wanted to conceal the facts. The flight of high Polish and Hungarian Ministers who had tried their best to collaborate with Russia, the abdication of the Rumanian King, the creation of an insurgent Greek government, and perhaps most important of all, the inter-military staff talks taking place between the Balkan countries, have all helped to create decisive circumstantial evidence in support of the reports persistently published in these pages.

Superimposed upon our reports has been that remarkable book by Victor Kravchenko, *I Chose Freedom*. Kravchenko was a Soviet official sent on a mission to Washington during the war. He left the Russian service because he wanted freedom. Despite all this, however, there are still people who are puzzled and want further evidence before they make their decision as to the truth. It is now available in Colonel Richard Hirsch's book, *The Soviet Spies*. The importance of this book cannot be overrated.

Colonel Hirsch was in the Military Intelligence Division of the United States War Department General Staff. His book is based upon the investigations of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the findings of a British Royal Commission. It tells the full story with dramatic detail.

When we remember that the preliminary investigations made it necessary for the Canadian Prime Minister personally to go to Washington for a talk with Mr. Truman, and then to cross the Atlantic for a secret conference with Mr. Attlee, the significance of the whole thing can be measured.

It is now clear beyond doubt that the warning reports from behind the iron curtain and elsewhere were not only well founded but were factual. If this then be so, must we not give much graver and more serious attention to all future reports from the same sources?

A Communist Secret

The following is an authoritative and accurate statement from Italy. Its publication will upset the Kremlin.

The Italian Communist Party is divided into two organizations. One is political and the other military. The latter is a fully organized army, dependent for political direction upon the Cominform. This army is about 100,000 strong, well armed with American, British and Yugoslav automatic weapons. It has ammunition for about five days' full-scale fighting. Further supplies are expected from Yugoslavia, but this will not be suitable for all weapons.

The Army is organized in cells of ten to thirty men; in each there is or soon will be one or two Slavs sent as leaders by the Cominform. The Army Commander is Pietro Cecchia who fought in Spain during the Civil War, escaped and spent many years in Russia. He is a personal friend of Stalin, and is his direct representative in Italy.

Cecchia's Chief of Staff is Luiga Longo, who also fought in the Civil War and is himself a member of the Cominform. The ostensible leader of the Communist Party is Togliatti, and the three of them form the over-all directorate.

It is believed that the Soviet Marshal Kirov is now in Italy. Two months ago he certainly was, but there has been no trace of him since. He was sent from Russia to be in secret charge of military action. He traveled as Martin Covacio — a Yugoslav from Istria.

It has been noticed that all the younger cell members

have recently disappeared, and it is known that the Communists are concentrating in the three Provinces of Puglie, Romagna and Emilia, and it is believed these young men have been moved there for training. At present the symptoms are that a coup, at least founding a "progressive Italian Republic" in one of these Provinces, may be carried out before the elections, which are due in April.

Indonesia

A large part of Indonesia is controlled by the Dutch. Their writ runs throughout almost the whole of Sumatra, Borneo, New Guinea and the smaller islands. Atey is not in Dutch hands, but neither is it held by the Republicans. It is controlled by head-hunters. Two-thirds of Java and all the harbors are controlled by the Dutch. The Republican régime controls part of the inner area, especially the area of Jogjakarta.

The Dutch have made a large effort. They sent about 110,000 men to Indonesia. Well trained, they carried out a police operation with very few casualties.

Feeling in the army out there is that the Republican régime could be finished off in a couple of weeks. The armistice is, therefore, unpopular. The situation drifts indecisively. While several thousand men have been taken sick with tropical disease only eighty-nine were killed in the police operation itself. The army, therefore, wants to finish off the job quickly. The diplomatic reasons for delay are not understood. Dr. Van Mook, the Governor General, gets a good deal of the blame.

The Jogjakarta Republican régime is headed by two remarkable men, Dr. Soekarno and Dr. Shajrir. Their critics say that both collaborated with the Japanese during the war. Shajrir denies this; Soekarno admits it. Both are Communists. Their administration is a mixture of Communism and Fascism.

There is the usual system of political security police. Anyone in their area in the slightest degree suspected of pro-Dutch leanings or having a background which is considered reactionary is put to death, generally after very unpleasant proceedings. The head of the Republican secret police is a former officer of the Kempei.

Except for a small but very dynamic minority, the Indonesian population loathes the Jogjakarta régime. It is widely said that the rebel leadership has brought little but famine and oppression. The various economic experiments are regarded with suspicion.

The Dutch have behaved sensibly in the areas retaken. The food situation has been well handled and good administration restored. There have been no repressive measures. For example, Indonesians who had taken jobs under the Republican régime have not been punished by the Dutch, but have been reinstated.

In the Dutch controlled area, economic life is picking up. There is even some prosperity in sight. Tin production has much improved; sugar and tobacco are getting better — though tobacco growing had a very bad setback. The rubber situation is bad. It will take many years to get things back to normal. There is desperate need for machinery. Here again is a field for a United States investment.

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Nations Gathering for Judgment

By HOWARD B. RAND

PALESTINE IS VERY MUCH in the news today, particularly so since the UN voted to partition the land between the Arabs and the Jews. The consequences of this political move have made World War III inevitable.

In anticipation of this move on the part of the UN to divide the land of Palestine, we stated in "Dividing the Land," DESTINY for November 1947, that it would be the prelude to an ultimate Russian move into the Middle East as a result of the tension which would become more acute following the partition vote. Again, after the UN had voted to partition Palestine, we said in "Prepare For War," DESTINY for January 1948:

"It is very apparent that political expedience has influenced our Washington politicians to back Zionists and their program. For once our nation is in agreement with Russia, for the Kremlin also favors the division of Palestine between the Arabs and Jews. Their reason, however, is an altogether different one from that which persuaded American politicians to support this issue.

"Russia hopes to contribute to the continuation of strife in the Middle East, a major factor in her program for world domination. Because this is so, the politicians at Washington must bear responsibility in the present decision that has made World War III inevitable . . .

"What will our Washington politicians do or say when the Russian armies move toward the Middle East, ostensibly to assist the Jews against their opponents? They have put their hands to the cup of trembling and the Holy City will become a burdensome stone to them, for strife in Palestine will certainly furnish the Kremlin with the excuse for coming military moves into that territory."

Our appraisal of the reason for the Kremlin's support of the plan of partition and the results to follow has since been confirmed by Karl H. Van Wiegand in his news release of January 18, 1948:

"Soviet Russia apparently foresaw the fateful quicksands into which the United Nations would be driven in Palestine when Moscow supported Secretary Marshall's move for the partitioning of the Holy

Land, and realized that failure of this project would completely discredit or even disrupt the new world league."

Accurate Forecast

Just before the close of World War II, and in the inception of the long-hoped-for winter drive of Soviet Russia into Germany, we said in "Meaning of the Russian Drive," DESTINY for March 1945, that Russia was destined, as the result of that drive, to overcome the Nazi régime. Then the following appraisal was given:

"Victory over Germany will benefit Russian plans rather than Anglo-Saxondom's, whose hoped-for peace in a post-war period following the defeat of Hitler and the destruction of Nazism will be foiled. When Communism alone remains as the directing power of the forces that will arise in opposition to the United States and Great Britain, then the Soviets will challenge Anglo-Saxon supremacy, backed by the military might of the Red Armies and the military forces of a great confederacy of nations, under Soviet leadership, as they move for world domination and rulership. We are fast approaching the time when Russia will make this supreme bid for world power and the defeat of Germany will be the signal that the time is at hand for the next move that will mean so much in unfolding the drama of the ages. . . . Men of Anglo-Saxon-Israel are blind, indeed, who are failing to see the evil menace in the Soviet plans as exemplified in their acts of aggression towards those whom the Reds dominate, control, or have conquered. Countries liberated from Germany by Russian armies are merely swapping one evil taskmaster for another which, if possible, is even more evil."

That was written before the defeat of Hitler and, though we clearly pointed out the evil menace of victorious Soviet armies to the peace of the world, the warning went unheeded. Today, the very conditions foreseen have since come to pass, made inevitable by the stupidity of Anglo-Saxon leadership and the refusal of men in public office to heed the instructions or warnings of our prophets. Just as Israel of old suffered again and again for the same reason, so today our nation is suffering because its leaders are too wise in their

own conceits to pay attention to what the prophets foresaw and foretold concerning this time.

Attainment Impossible

Following the San Francisco Conference, we stated in "Peace Expectations," DESTINY for August 1945:

"It now remains for the Senate of the United States to ratify this agreement [the United Nations Charter] and no doubt this will be done. It will be accepted if for no other reason than that it is a possible program for world peace in the minds of those who as yet do not know that God has already given us the program by which peace will be made sure for the Anglo-Saxon world. In our national blindness and unbelief we must suffer and, through our suffering, learn the ways of righteousness. Men are thus placing their hope for world peace on this United Nations agreement, trusting that it will remove the cause of war. It is hoped in this way to settle vexatious problems that may arise between nations without resorting to the force of arms. The desire is laudable, but the attainment impossible of achievement at the present time because of the spirit of unregeneration evidenced in the acts of men and nations."

Following this statement the article posed the questions:

"What of the Arab world? Will the Arabs willingly submit to domination by the Jews in Palestine? They know the exclusiveness of the Jews. They know their presumption to being the sole inheritor of the Israel promises. Knowing these and many more things far better than does the average Anglo-Saxon, is it likely that the Mohammedan world will submit to the rule of the Jews? What of the Jews? Will they be satisfied to accept anything less than a national home in Palestine? Is it within the power of a peace organization to convert the Jew from his faith, and the Mohammedan from his creed, thus preventing future clashes in the Middle East between these two?"

A Proclamation of War

The march of events since the above statements were made nearly three years ago demonstrates the accuracy of these forecasts based upon the utterances of the prophets. The clash between Arabs and Jews is increasing

rather than diminishing and the UN, the purpose of which is to establish peace, has materially contributed to war in its handling of the partition problem in Palestine. The lack of co-operation and the Russian moves to sabotage every program for peace have more than justified our appraisal of the impossibility to secure peace through the UN.

Because Palestine is the land of the Bible, one of the most amazing facts about the entire situation is the refusal of the Christian world to reinvestigate the Jewish claim in the light of Bible history and prophecy so that they may know what God has to say concerning the disposal of the land of Palestine. Instead, Christian leaders are blindly supporting the Zionist program which has no Scriptural foundation. What is true of the Christian Church is also true of political parties and their leaders, as well as of all the nations which are burdening themselves with this problem as they go to the support of the Jews. Zechariah declares:

"I will make Jerusalem an awkward boulder for the nations to lift; any who shoulder it hurt themselves." (Zech. 12: 3, *Moffatt Trans.*)

The Great Judge

Today, we are seeing Palestine become an extremely burdensome problem to all nations as events in that troubled land react upon those who are endeavoring to deal with the perplexing situation apart from a consideration of the Divine plan. The eyes of the world are today turned toward Jerusalem. We are rapidly approaching the time when all nations will take up their march toward the Middle East whereupon their armies will congregate in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. The proclamation has gone out to the nations of the world to make ready for the final great world conflict — World War III:

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about. . . . Let the heathen be awakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about." (Joel 3: 9-12.)

Preparing for War

Stalin and his cohorts do not know that, instead of bringing victory and world-wide dominion to them, their plans of evil aggression will most certainly bring them before the tribunal of the Judge of all the earth. Meantime, we need not remain in darkness, or be blind as to the future, for God has revealed coming events through His prophets. Before the defeat of Hitler *DESTINY* pointed out that Soviet Russia was destined to overcome Nazism and then move to challenge the supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon world. All this has now transpired. Now Russia is preparing for war on a scale that truly dwarfs all the efforts of the aggressors before her. She is literally beating her implements of peace into weapons of warfare and weak nations in her orbit of influence are proclaiming how strong they are. Great heathen nations, like China for instance, are rapidly moving to the left and toward an alliance with Russia, for they are also of the East.

U. S. Under Attack

According to the prophets, the next major move on the part of Russia will be in the direction of the Holy Land. After that, the Soviets will launch their all-out attack upon the North American Continent in an endeavor to smash our resistance. Recognizing that the Soviet objective would be to not only occupy Palestine but at the same time to attack the United States and keep our country from blocking her program of world expansion, we warned in *DESTINY* for March 1946 under the title, "The Coming Invasion of the United States":

"A study of the world map will show that the logical line of attack by Russia upon the United States would follow a course from Siberia to Alaska, south through Canada, striking at the center of our country. Formerly any contemplated foreign invasion of the United States had to be made from the sea and would be directed against our coastal cities. Russia has no sea power but she has acquired a mighty air force and we may yet see planes furnished her by us, winging their way back, loaded with explosives — perhaps atom bombs. The conquest of the air has changed former methods of attack and the most direct route for Russia to take in a move of aggression against us is over the very course a Russian agent declared is being surveyed for the Soviet government.

The Objective

"Let us turn to Ezekiel's prophecy regarding the evil aggression of Gog of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech (Moscow). The Prophet describes great military preparation and the organization and regimentation of the nations around her. Persia (Iran) is named among those who will be in this group, as well as Gomer (Germany). The objective of the first phase of military attack is given as the Prophet declares these peoples have been drilled and disciplined by the Soviets. The goal is Palestine, the land of Israel, and so the Prophet addresses Gog:

"Many Peoples [shall be] with you, — drilled and disciplined by yourself; — you and all your host, — and their hosts with you, — and you yourself shall be their Commander. Prepared by yourself for a long time, — shall come at the end of the years to the country restored from its ruins; with your recruits from many Peoples, against the Mountains of Israel that were a continuous waste, but who have been brought out of the nations, and all of them dwelling in security, — until you ascend like a storm! Coming on like a cloud to cover the land, — you and all your hordes, and many People with you." (Ez. 38: 8-9, *F. F. Trans.*)

Great Air Armada

"When the great air armada of Russia ascends for the attack, the security of the people dwelling in Palestine will be gone. Now note that at this time *another land* is to come under attack:

"Then, thus says the Mighty Lord, 'at that time thoughts shall come into your mind, and you will conceive a vile idea, and will say, I will attack a country of un-walled villages, — I will advance to a quiet secure population, — all of them without walls, or bars, and having no gates! to plunder and loot, — to turn your hand against the reinhabited ruins, and against a people collected from the heathen [nations], — practicing commerce and trade, and residing on the top of the earth.' (Ez. 38: 10-12, *F. F. Trans.*)

Top of the Earth

"This second description is not that of Palestine but of a land that had been a wilderness, and waste, and had become inhabited with villages and cities without walls or gates. This is the outstanding mark of both Canada and the United States. But the Prophet is even more specific by stating that the people reside on the *top* of the earth. This is not Palestine, which is at the center, but it does describe our country, with Alaska, and our neighbor Canada, whose land extends to the Arctic.

"To plunder and to loot would readily describe what Russia would expect to do

if she secured control of this continent. Thus, the question is asked of her:

"Have you come to plunder and rob? Have you collected your hosts to carry off silver and gold? — to seize commerce and trade, and to plunder a great plunder?" (Ez. 38: 13, *F. F. Trans.*)

"Israel in Palestine, and Israel gathered out of the nations and dwelling upon the American continent, are both the objects of Gog's attack. Already Russia is moving in Iran toward Palestine and now in the news there is evidence of a plan to bring about the fulfillment of the Russian move against this continent and its 'unwalled villages.' We are living in Bible times and the day of prophetic fulfillment is at hand when God will move to protect His people, for in His indignation against evil aggression He will destroy the armies of Gog and demonstrate to all nations that He is Jehovah, the God of Israel."

Decline of Turkey

Let us now analyze coming events in the light of a statement made to John in Revelation as the full significance of prophecy unfolds before us. With the passing of time the march of history reveals in complete detail the identity of great movements and the meaning of events foretold by the prophets. At times this necessitates a revaluation of former statements, which is not unusual since a fuller understanding of the words of the prophets is expected as we approach the crisis at the end of the age.

In Revelation 16 John is told of the drying up of the great river Euphrates. It has been pointed out in *Study in Revelation*, pages 238-240, that this "river" is used to symbolize the Turkish Empire and the history of the Turks during the last 100 years amply fulfills the requirements of this symbolism. For many years Turkey stood across the pathway, preventing any other nation from taking Palestine but, with the liberation of Palestine by Great Britain, the "drying up" of the "River Euphrates" became an accomplished fact of prophecy. This actually began in 1844 A.D. when the Decree of Religious Tolerance was wrung from Turkey by Great Britain and, with the taking of Jerusalem in 1917 A.D., Palestine passed from Turkish control. By 1924 A.D. the Caliphate was abolished. The drying-up process is now completed and Turkey is no longer a great power, having receded from Europe and from Palestine and now

being confined to the territory of the headwaters of the Euphrates.

Kings of the East

The purpose of the drying up of the Euphrates is stated by John to be "that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared" (Rev. 16: 12). Moffatt translates this sentence: "To prepare the way for the kings from the east." Ferrar Fenton renders it: "So that a road might be prepared for the kings from the rising sun." *The Companion Bible* states in a footnote that the words "that come" are supplied so that this passage would read: "That the way of the kings that come from the east might be prepared." The word "kings" in these statements does not necessarily mean a monarch but refers to leaders, or chief ones.

By this we are informed that peoples from the east, under their leaders, will invade the Middle East after Turkey as an Empire has dried up. Who are these who come from the East? When this subject was dealt with in *Study in Revelation* Soviet Russia had not then been revealed as a power from the East. Today, however, representing the East and not the West, Russia, as Gog, is to furnish leadership for the great multitudes who move from the East toward Palestine.

Unclean Spirits

Immediately following the drying up of the Turkish river, opening up the highway so that those of the East might move unhampered toward the land of Israel, John states he saw the rise to power of three unclean spirits. We have already identified them as Fascism, Nazism and Communism (see *Study in Revelation*, pages 241-247). During the years that these three were consolidating their positions, Israel-Britain of the seed of Abraham regained possession of the land of their forefathers in order to meet the coming of the kings from the east as the world made ready for war.

The purpose assigned to the three unclean spirits, as outlined by John in Revelation, was to gather the nations for the battle of that Great Day of God Almighty. As a part of the process of gathering the nations for the great conflict that will ultimately discover Palestine to be its goal, World War II was fought and Fascism and Nazism were destroyed. Communism was left alone as the remaining power to carry

the program of evil aggression through to completion. Today, the Soviets prepare to make a sudden move into the Middle East. The return of the seed of Abraham, the man of the East, to the land of their forefathers is only a token return at this time and it is for the purpose of meeting the challenge of the kings of the East when they come into the land.

Plan of Action

Let us not overlook a major factor in the Soviet preparations for the coming great conflict. Their plan of action is set forth by Ezekiel who declares that Gog (Soviet Russia) will drill and discipline the many peoples whom she will lead against modern Israel. The Prophet states of Gog: "And you yourself shall be their commander" (Ez. 38: 7, *F. F. Trans.*).

Who is it who issues commands to the fifth column in all lands? Who is it who has set the pattern for the rigid discipline required of all initiates who enter the Communist ranks? Does not Moscow support and back all satellite governments whose leaders and adherents look to the Kremlin for direction and orders?

Recently Tito boasted:

"We are ready to sink their [American and British] fleet in the Adriatic; against their atomic bombs we shall use our own. We do not stand alone this time. Our jet-propelled fighter planes and our artillery will efficaciously discourage visits by enemy aviation. Our material comes from an inexhaustible source. Our lines of transport will never be cut. Russian workshops turn out 30,000 cars a month. Headquarters have at their disposal 150 divisions ready to march on 48 hours' notice and capable of wiping out all obstacles obstructing their advance up to Paris."

Blind Leaders

Ezekiel's prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes, yet the ecclesiastical leadership in America and Great Britain have turned so far away from the Bible and the prophets that they do not even know the significance of this time in which we are living. The Soviet arm of discipline is long and extends into Israel's lands, as well as throughout Europe, Africa and Asia. Many in our land are under the command and control of the Kremlin — even some ministers in Christian pulpits are taking orders from Moscow. Men like Henry Agard Wallace who are working to Sovietize the United States of America and bring our nation

into step with a Communistic program are consciously or otherwise looking to the Kremlin for direction.

Coveted Land

Troubled because of the attitude of the United States toward their acts of aggression, the Soviets will launch a sudden attack upon our defenses. Fearful destruction will follow as World War III develops into a conflict of extermination. It is a war now made inevitable by Jewish agitation in the Holy Land and acts of violence backed by political pressure in a program to secure the fulfillment of Zionist ambitions. Soviet Russia is to use this situation as a pretext for coming military moves to secure possession of the land which they have long coveted.

Because in the past we have published in *DESTINY* the seriousness of future world developments — well ahead of the news — uncomplimentary remarks have been made about our work and activities and the warnings have been viewed with contempt. But those responsible for that ridicule have only played the part of fools, for subsequent events have clearly demonstrated the accuracy of these forecasts. Men will now ignore these added warnings of the prophets to their own peril. As nations begin to sense the importance of moves affecting the Middle East, it is imperative that men everywhere awaken to realities and become aware of the vital messages the prophets of the Lord foretold when 3,000 years ago they discussed the present

world situation and detailed for our instruction the events of the immediate future.

The shadow of the Third Woe deepens but the day of deliverance also draws near. As surely as men have observed the activities of the three unclean spirits, two of which have passed away, so surely the next event on the Divine agenda will be fulfilled:

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." (Rev. 16:15.)

A blessing of surpassing grandeur awaits the few who heed the warning to watch. Clothed in their garments of righteousness, they will enter with their Lord into the Marriage Supper.

The Death of Gandhi

MOHANDAS K. GANDHI, Indian national leader, was born at Porbandar, India in 1869. He went to London in 1888 to study law and returned to India in 1893. Soon after that he went to South Africa to practice law but, being mistreated by the white men there, he developed his philosophy of passive resistance which he adhered to faithfully throughout his life in his dealings with the British Government.

British troops in India shot 300 Indians in disturbances at Armritsar in 1919 and Gandhi, who had returned to India from South Africa, thereupon became a leader among the Indians to start the non-cooperative movement in which British goods, titles, courts, education, public functions and political life were boycotted. At an All-India National Congress in December 1921 Gandhi was appointed the sole executive of the non-cooperative forces.

On December 31, 1929, the All-India National Congress adopted Gandhi's resolution favoring complete independence for India. Great Britain refused to grant these demands. Later Gandhi demanded immediate dominion status for India.

Gandhi found himself in prison many times as a result of his opposition to the British but he lived to see his desire for the independence of India fulfilled and the very thing for which he had worked was instrumental in bringing about his death. Gandhi died from the bullet of an assassin who was in favor of using strong methods against the new state of Pakistan.

This Indian leader can be admired for having the courage of his convictions and for his position in behalf of his people. He was a Hindu and a great spiritual leader among them. Gandhi lived the life of a devout holy man but beyond this we need not go in our appraisal of this man for, like many other holy men of the East, Gandhi was true to his own religious beliefs. Because he spearheaded Indian passive resistance, he became the great symbol of such resistance in the life and history of India.

We have no patience, however, with radio commentators and news writers who liken Gandhi to Jesus Christ — there is no comparison whatever between the two. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin, who later died upon the cross for the remission of the world's sins. Three days after His death He arose from the grave and forty days after His resurrection He ascended to heaven in the sight of His disciples. His disciples were informed by two men who stood there that in the same manner that He went away He would come again.

There are those who undertake to compare Zoroaster, Buddha, and many other spiritual leaders of the past, with Jesus Christ, giving them an exalted position with Him, but no man on earth can be compared to our Lord and Saviour. All attempts to do so are thoroughly odious. This in no way detracts from the work of any other, but it does place Jesus Christ where He belongs, high above all others, unique in every way. John the Baptist voiced this when he said of Him:

"He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose." (John 1: 27.)

If the one whom Jesus declared to be the greatest among the prophets, for he was the messenger sent before Him, declared himself to be too unworthy to even untie our Lord's shoe latchet, it is sacrilege indeed for radio commentators and news writers to liken Gandhi, or any other human being whoever he may be, to Jesus Christ. There can be no comparison, for He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus Christ is called:

"Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9: 6.)

A true Christian would not for one moment consider a sinful human being to be in any position of equality with Jesus Christ, God, the Son. Those who undertake to do so are expressing an egotistical conception of human accomplishments and at the same time they are dishonoring God and despising His Son.

Comments and Conclusions

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WHAT IS NOW BEING SEEN in the world is not prologue, it is not even the *entr'acte*, but the mere preliminary and often desultory shifting of the scenery for a drama whose theme, apparently, only a few know. All the furrowed brows and preoccupied countenances you see in the official photographs, all the speeches made and translated into forty-seven tongues, give no hint of the drama, have no basic significance for it at all; nor have the wordy volumes of the young wise men who wing their way breathlessly around the globe, nor the thundered headlines of the press. These are only the buffeting of hands, the stamping of feet and the cries of the peanut vendors outside in the streets, where the world waits for the great doors of the future to swing open. These are the things that meanwhile keep the people occupied — the modern version of bread and circuses. They occupy important people with the notion that their appointments are paramount, and their committees and their meetings; they occupy the writers and speakers with the notion that their words are weighty and will affect the balance of history; they occupy the hangers-on at radio, newspaper and discussion forums with the delusion that they are "in" on something big. All this, though there hasn't been an historic word uttered since Winston Churchill, nor an historic act since MacArthur stood on the *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.



EVENTS THAT IN OTHER times and in other countries would have ranked as revolutionary, have passed in Britain with the most casual mention in the British press. On New Year's Eve the railways of Britain passed from private to public ownership without a jar. Along with the railways went the inland waterways, the London Passenger Transport, more than 20,000 long distance road haulage vehicles, together with ports, harbors, steamers and some hotels. This, just a year after British mines had passed into public control, a short time after India had received new Empire status, and only six months before British medical practice will pass under government control. If these changes had occurred in the United States, they probably would have occasioned as little comment, though in England there is serious objection yet to be encountered if the 72,000 British physicians adhere to their threat of non-coöperation with the government program. The proposal is to take over all hospitals and clinics and put all doctors, dentists and nurses on the public payroll. Those with opportunity to view the differences in quality between privately-conducted hospitals and the increasing number of government hospitals in the United States are not enthusiastic over the outlook for improvement in medical or hospital service under public ownership and control.



BUT WHY IS IT THAT the mines, railways and other transport in Britain pass so easily out of private control? The British Ambassador to the United States supplies an

explanation which agrees with our own quite ample opportunity to observe the facts. These properties, of course, are being purchased, not confiscated — the British are always ethical in these matters. They will be paid for in government stock expected to yield 3 per cent.

But why did they have to be purchased? The reason is that the properties had fallen into near obsolescence, and the company owners did not possess the large sums required to restore them to efficiency. British mines had long been a scandal for the way they were milked for profits and denied proper maintenance and improvements, and railways had reached such a state of decrepitude that the cost of rehabilitating them had become prohibitive to private ownership. We are obliged to note that all this neglect and dissolution occurred under private ownership.

Just here we meet again the basic difference between the British and the American conceptions of business management. No one denies that British mines and railways have been immensely profitable (the railways even made profits on their passenger traffic!), but to be profitable was the first and principal thing always required of them. Nearly everything was made subservient to that. If the cost of maintaining efficiency, and thereby protecting profits, seemed to threaten for a time the deviation of profits into improvements, then the improvements were looked at askance, and were only too likely to be so long deferred as to double the expenditures required. To be efficient, even in the production of profits, costs money and it is an old habit in British business to be penny-wise and pound-foolish. British engineers are as good as any on earth; British management, where not restrained by ownership, was becoming eagerly progressive under the stimulus of the American example; British investors will pour capital without stint into the most outlandish places — anywhere but at home; but British ownership up to now has been dominantly characterized by its view of business at home as primarily a producer of dividends and not as a builder of the country and the people. Thus, the old mines, and the old railway lines and stock, had been milked to the last drop of profit, without commensurate restoration and improvements. It was a policy that favored low wages, engendering labor troubles, and it fostered outworn, costly methods that made for high prices and precarious supply. Since taking over the mines a year ago, the present government must have made capital improvements to to some extent, for the production of coal now shows a gratifying increase.



CANADA WAS FOR A LONG time compelled to operate under that European conception of business as a producer of private profit. The Dominion to the north, greater in territorial extent than the United States, and having a future of assured and incalculable greatness, was for most of its history denuded of its natural wealth for the purpose of making a few private fortunes at home and abroad. It

was a course that developed no industry among the people and initiated no extension of prosperity for that great but sparsely populated country. Canada awakened to what was happening; her sons, to find opportunity, were emigrating to the United States. And Canada set out to provide at home what they found elsewhere. She began to process her natural wealth, thus providing industrial employment. She invoked the tariff to protect her new manufactures from unequal competition. In this she was so successful that industrially she became the Empire's strong reliance. She has caught the modern and enlightened philosophy that if you want a prosperous country you must have a prosperous people, and to have a prosperous people your industries must be up-to-date in their methods so that your people can earn a modern wage — a wage that enables them to buy and use what they produce. And under this conception, that is a vast advance upon the idea that drove Britain into the arms of Socialism, Canada is now easily the third or fourth great nation of the world, and largely untroubled by the effervescence of social theory.



IN THE UNITED STATES, owner-management flourishes as nowhere else in the world. If Socialism has not permanently blocked that same condition from developing in Britain, owner-management will be Britain's economic salvation too, and Britain's sons will find, what they have not found for generations, opportunity at home. English, Scotch, Irish, Manx and Welsh have been driven, by the inhospitality of home conditions, into the four corners of the earth. Some of us can appreciate the Providence in that. But now it would seem that the Mother Country, the Home Isles, after their long warfare and their near destruction, are on the verge of better things, which need a right economic foundation to begin with. And this present bog-down, with the questions it will raise, the experiences it will entail, and the heart-searchings it will cause, is perhaps the early beginnings of a new time.

As I have often said, the American Business Idea is a new and distinct thing in the world, and its capacity to stimulate self-reliance and self-support everywhere is beyond measure. Americans know how to make money, but they also know how to maintain in modern efficiency the means by which the money comes. At times, as much or even more is plowed back into a productive business than is taken out of it. As a result we have fewer great private fortunes and "ruling families" (none of the latter!) than Britain had, but a far better production machine and an incomparably better distribution of prosperity. Yet Britain always had the means which, properly employed, would have provided her with as much per capita prosperity as we have. It was the lack of wisdom in the ranks of private ownership that drove Britain into the arms of the socialistic government, and gave Mr. Attlee the work of an economic scavenger to do.



THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, in his explanation, intimated that, at that, Britain is not much more socialized than the United States. To offset Britain's nationalized banks, for example, he pointed to our Federal Reserve System.

It is true that in the United States we are somewhat socialized, and it is interesting to observe the two roads by which Socialism may arrive in a country, as illustrated by

its history in the United States and its more recent history in Britain. It came to Britain by the road of private failure; it came to the United States through private efficiency and success.

The great public services of the United States are nationalized or, as one might say, socialized. There is the post office which has now gone into the banking and express businesses, not as monopolies but as auxiliaries. The water supplies of most of our cities are public services, though, when last I examined this matter, several were still privately managed. The fire protection service is generally public, at least in well-developed countries. Some cities have lighting service in part publicly and in part privately owned. Some cities have their own public transportation service, called "municipal ownership," which is really local Socialism. In war time our railways, telephone and telegraphic communications were put largely under public management. Radio has stringent public control. One could draw quite a map of socialistic service in the United States if one went into detail and included the great power dams, public irrigation, reforestation services, and the like. And it is right that some of these functions are public or socialized. It is right that so vital a function as the letter post should be in public control; it is right that water supply, fire protection and education should be in the hands of the public. We stamped our approval on that theory long ago when we as a people took *government* and made it a publicly-owned and operated service.

But a vital point in the matter is this: all these services began as private enterprises; they antedated the socialistic philosophy; they were developed by private initiative; so far from their being the *effect* of socialistic philosophy, they are very probably the *cause* of it; they reached their definitive pattern of efficiency before the public saw the advantage of taking them over.

IT WOULD BE PLEASANT TO REPORT that under public ownership these services have reached new heights of efficiency traceable to the fact of public management, but that would not be justified by the facts. Insofar as they actually have been improved, it has been by incorporating with them additional efficiencies developed independently by private initiative, like, for example, the airplane in the postal service, and the large number of private patents which are the contributions of private initiative to all our public services. And it is not to be forgotten that the greatest service of all is performed by the private citizen, whose labors support all these public services. And though it must be said that with all the monopoly public ownership gives, and with undivided public support, the success of public management has not been notable, it still remains true that in our common life some things are better socialized. Yet it is essential to remember that before they could be socialized, they had to first be brought to a high degree of perfection by private ownership. That was the way it was with schools, with railways, civic services and postal routes.

In the United States it was the comparative perfection of a standard of service that marked the point where the works in question passed from private to public control.

In Britain, the same course of development is traceable, but it was a falling away from the standard; it was deterioration — inevitable with short-sighted private management — that marked the point of transition there. It was the failure of private ownership that gave Socialists a

dubious opportunity. Public ownership in Britain will add nothing intrinsic to the arts of railways or mining, but it will supply from the public treasury (what private treasuries refused to supply) the available means to restore these services to the satisfactory standard once reached by private initiative. Henceforth, not profits but deficits will be the principal concern, and deficits will be met by taxes.



I HAVE NO AGREEMENT WITH the theory that British Socialists caused the British debacle for the purpose of putting themselves in power. There are too many other factors that help to account for the change, and every class of the people must share the responsibility. Neither do I agree that the present methods will solve the problem, though they may serve as a stop-gap, a temporary palliative until the creative reserves of the nation are mobilized again. And, Britons being the people they are, I expect the interval to pass off with a minimum of bad feeling.

In the meantime, some of the elements in this situation should serve to stimulate a new understanding of the service which may be rendered to the Purpose of God by those who labor in the economic field. To work, to grow, to build; to invent, to devise methods and to organize efforts; to produce raw materials, to manufacture them into goods of use, and to distribute them everywhere they are needed — these are works in the field of God in which many are highly endowed and highly honored to serve, without any special personal realization of what they are doing. The work of God is to be done in the Name of God, else its best reward is missed.

In the face of what we possess, poverty anywhere today is an anomaly; in the face of what we could do if we would, it is a crime. God's promise of national wealth has been bountifully fulfilled to us; He will now see that we do our part to fulfill it for all His people individually. And to that end successive judgments began to fall in the economic region — widely spaced with magnificent mercies, too — that all false belief in wealth for the few; in wealth as the fruit of aggression, competition or any other form of greed; in wealth as the spoils that belong to the strong; will be swept away with all the other refuges of lies in which we have sought to hide our heads.

THERE IS A WHOLESOME CORE of use and service at the center of our workaday world and it is not from this that our economic troubles arise. There is also around that core an evil shrewdness which trades upon the weaknesses and sinful tendencies of men, and builds itself into world power on that false foundation — the "something-for-nothing" delusion that permeates society from Wall Street to the lowest slum — making both of them slums of the spirit. Several severe shakings have not discouraged men from setting their hopes upon the remaining rubble. But the Divine Writ of Execution has been sealed and sent forth, and there is yet time, and there is yet room, to transfer all work and business to the sound foundation laid in God's natural law of economic life. After each shaking, the things founded in Truth find themselves stronger and more stable: "Yet once more will I shake not the earth only, but also heaven . . . that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

How much of our investment, how much of our effort, is centered in the things that will be shaken?

SHIPS THAT PASS IN the night" might symbolize the changes that creep up on the people, causing not so much as a jolt in the general tempo of thought. They approach unseen, and arrive unheralded, and the next thing we know — they are here. If their parentage can be traced at all, they are the joint product of specific intention on the part of particular groups, and of vast lack of thought and perception on the part of the multitudes most affected by them. All of us have had our moments of wondering how France got that way, how Germany got that way, how Russia (perhaps more understandably) got that way, and (most perversely of all) how Britain got that way.

Well, it may give us light if we observe how America is getting that way. Here a little and there a little, with often hardly a newspaper line to record it, the thing arrives, takes its confident place in our lives, and seems wholly secure from challenge in the drowsy stupor that has fallen upon us. But I say that wrongly: it has not *fallen upon us*, it is a *miasma risen within us* to clog our faculties and begog our vision. And along with it our national conscience is dulled and our national energies — that is, our power of corrective and original thinking — are depleted. Just now we measure our national energies by the smokestacks and dynamos of our factories; we gauge ourselves by the production sheets. Try to measure our energies by our mastery in those fields where confidence and principle rule and see how effective we are there just now. Why, we have been so ineffective that even our dollars have begun to lose their impressiveness in the eyes of the world. So ineffective that what we thought were great names and great abilities have shown an undesirable lack of capacity for their world roles, while things at home reflect the confusion. And this cannot be entirely the other fellow's fault.

I DO NOT JOIN THE HUE AND CRY about the appearance of "the police state" here. We have had that in considerable part for a long time now and few have seemed particularly to notice it. Just there is the crux of the matter, just there is the tragedy — few have seemed particularly to notice it: the descending slope has become for us so smooth. But, *had we been* a people sensitive to these evils, they would not have befallen us: they could come upon us only because we had not the spiritual sensitiveness to perceive them, nor the ingrained knowledge of American principles to sense at once their alien character.

Government as *police* has been moving in upon all the people relentlessly for about forty years, but intensively during the last twenty years. There is not the shred of a doubt as to its being contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution, but why mention the Constitution any longer? Who really cares about it? The Constitution has about as much standing among the rulers of our national life as the Bible has among the rulers of our ecclesiastical affairs. It is a thing to be paid lip service, but not that costlier service given an *inwardly-felt* authority. The Constitution which should be *self-enforcing* because of its connection by artery and nerve with the heart and mind that made America, can now command attention only when supported by squads of very high-priced legal lights. And mere Right cannot command that high-priced service. In fact, so far away have our people grown from any knowledge of the Constitution, that now it must be trundled about the country like an idol on a special train — not for the purpose of being explained in its present greatness, but to be displayed as a document of the historic past. All that the

people can be shown is the empty chrysalis, the parchment shell. But the spirit that animated its making, and that enabled the people once to see it as a spiritual form high and lifted up — where is that?

However, it is a notable event when a sufficient number of citizens can so clearly see the situation as to conclude that its correction must be somehow associated with a new appreciation of our sources. May the Freedom Train continue until its course takes it into every American heart and revives the spirit out of which the Constitution came.

It is our duty to confess that the spirit of the Constitution departed from the people before it departed from the city of Washington. We can understand that, for it cannot be too often repeated that the Constitution is not the people's law, in the sense of being laid upon them to perform. It is a law regulating the administration of the Government of the United States, not the daily conduct of the people thereof. Would that the Constitution *were* the law of the citizen's daily conduct: we should then be a better people. But as it is, the Government of the United States operates under one law, and the people under another, yet the people made both. And while the people amongst themselves habitually violate every principle of the Constitution — as it relates to religious prejudice, racial discrimination, economic inequality — yet in these matters there is no law to which the people are answerable except the law of the spirit. And to write ordinances to make them answerable to courts in these matters has only intensified the evils. Government has its law written down and never should depart from it. But "evil is catching." What the people do, their officers imitate. "Like people, like priest." And the looser the electorate becomes, the looser the administration in its treatment of it.



NO ONE WHO HAS NOTED the hampering and largely stupid restrictions visited upon the people the last twenty years can believe that the attitude of government administration toward the people is describable as benignant. Never in our history have more professions of political love for the people been made, and never so many heavy impositions laid upon them. In dealing with the citizen, it is every government's custom to regard him as a potential crook. Since it became necessary for the citizen to forego all privacy in his affairs, and be placed on file in every conceivable way, it has become increasingly evident that the customary government assumption is that the citizen will cheat or trick it in any way he can. All the papers you will be making out, all the regulations you will be observing are constructed on the theory that you will outwit the law if you can find a way to do it. This, on the evidence, is the governmental view of the citizen, and you are watched, examined, checked and rechecked, yet never given a final "O.K.," never pronounced "out of quarantine" governmentally. Is there one person in the country who can show in writing from the government that it considers him to have settled his obligations to it fully and finally? No, you are always subject to recall; there may be yet some subtle trick you played that we have not yet discovered — that is the official attitude. And this is particularly true in matters of big business which I think even government officials would agree is the best example of meticulous honesty that we have. But everyone is always under suspicion. The pains that are taken to "catch the crooks"

indicate a somewhat uneasy conscience on the part of our rulers as to the effect on us of what they are doing to us. There is a fruitful field of research awaiting the psychologist in the unintentional revelations involved in the whole set-up of governmental forms.

THIS GOES HAND-IN-HAND with a professed, profound regard for the welfare of the citizen. Yet the aging laborer who has been paying "social security" ever since that curiously-named system was born, may retire and sit and wait, fully expecting that a government which never was late a minute and never missed a penny in collecting from him, would be equally diligent in forwarding to him his pittance now that he has had to stop working. The government knows he has stopped because his deductions are no longer paid, and he thinks the government will be as keen in the paying as it was in the collecting. But is it? He sits and waits. Knowing the long and devious ways of public business, a year passes in misinformed waiting, and to the patient man it does not seem too long. When at length he asks a timid question, it is only to learn that *he* should have been the collector; *he* should have made claims; that the government was looking after itself and wasn't concerned for him at all. And he learns, in addition, that though he has paid for his security, and has waited a year to get it, he cannot now receive the year's allowance that is his due, because he had not applied for it, and under the law no claim is retroactive for more than three months, he is told. Yet none of his payments are refunded. And when he looks at his pittance he wonders what cruelly sportive mind ever appended the name of "social security" to it.

No, I hardly think the official attitude toward the people could be called benignant.



OF COURSE, THOUGH WE HAVE not looked at it in quite that way, this is the police state. The cost of watching us, and suspecting us, and checking us consumes a considerable part of what we pay for the objects our payments are supposed to support. And it can be justified in many ways. The only thing that remains unjustifiable always is the condition which gave it the original impetus. The state cannot, in this particular, be judged separately; it is part of the world we ourselves have created. We cannot have greed, inhumanity and international strife and have a political paradise too. All troubles and inconveniences come along together, national and international. It might seem to us that in America we had a right to expect something better, but unfortunately we have no sanitary cordon against the ills that infest the world. The best we can expect is that our infection will be less virulent than it has been elsewhere. And we do expect that. We cannot foresee, nor even contemplate, a greater cleavage between the people and official tactics than has already appeared. We have remedies in this country and means to apply them. And while we know that nice speeches and glowingly misnamed schemes do not entirely compensate for the iron hand which bureaucrats find necessary to their purpose, we are also aware that a spirit which was once in our people is still there, for the spirit is the people; it never departs. And though it may appear to sleep for the moment, let the testing need arise, and the spirit will arise to meet it.

I THINK IT WISE TO SAY THESE things at the rare intervals when they occur to us. It is like trying out the fire line or

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MANY BOOKS have been written in an endeavor to clarify the meaning of Daniel's many visions and solve the chronological factors hidden in the numbers given to him by the Angel of revelation.

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An American Tragedy

DESTINY has already pointed out the serious consequences that would follow United States' support of the Zionist program. Unfortunately, votes in the coming Presidential election this fall were considered of more importance by Washington politicians than the preservation of the years of friendship the United States has enjoyed with the Arabs. Immune to any other consideration except political expediency, the administration supported the partition program. The following is a partial quotation from the Bulletin of the Institute of Arab American Affairs:

"When the United Nations General Assembly voted 33 to 13 to partition Palestine into Arab and Jewish States, it sealed the doom of the deeply-rooted friendship between the Arab world and the United States. Nowhere in the world had one group of people looked upon another people — thousands of miles away — with such sincere admiration and respect as the Arabs had toward Americans. Here was a friendship — built up slowly and solidly over more than a century of time by non-imperialistically

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the alarm system to see that it is still in working order. I have not written in protest, nor in any expectation of change, but simply to record that this is the state to which we have come, and here we are. Those who are able to realize what it is and what it means are the more able to realize what has happened and is still happening to other peoples in other countries. In other countries it had worse conditions to start from than it has had here, and so could reach lower levels than it can reach with us. But whatever its degree, or wherever it is, it is the same world malady from which no nation, no system, and only a very small segment of religion, has been able to remain free — and from whose further encroachments no people can hope to remain free save through developing an invincible spiritual defense.



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD that northern Ireland is basking in comfort and plenty while England famishes, this excerpt from a personal letter may have interest: "I never met people like them. Their friendliness, greatness, courage are just too great to describe. I mention courage because they need it in the face of conditions there. Food as you know is scarce. That does not say they are starving but there is no variety in the food, the same few items over and over again. Then all last winter so frightfully cold and practically no heat — just a little handful of coal in the kitchen fireplace which had to do for cooking and all. But do you think that they are complaining? Not a bit of it. They can't be made to talk about things as hardship. Rather their attitude is that these conditions are necessary and 'we can take it.' If the same conditions prevailed here, there would be a revolution in six months. It is a great thing to come of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic race. They are grand people. I came back feeling better in every way."

minded Americans — wrecked within the span of half a dozen minutes — the time that it took for the roll-call on November 29th at Flushing Meadows.

"Blood started to flow in the Holy Land, as a result of the UN action. Undoubtedly blood will continue to be shed in growing volume as the Arabs resist the Zionist-engineered scheme to take away their homeland. But the greater tragedy, from the point of view of loyal American citizenship, is this: the love and friendship that 40,000,000 Arabs had expressed toward the United States has been turned into hatred. And for that, vote-minded American politicians are to blame.

"Ever since 1834, when American missionaries brought the first printing press from Malta into the Arab world, friendship for the United States grew with monumental grandeur because, unlike the European colonial powers, Americans did not exploit the Arabs economically. They planted the seeds of democracy in the world's most trodden soil. Those early Americans, while they did not wear military uniforms or governmental striped pants, were truly soldiers of the United States, for they not only preached, but practiced, American ideals and democracy. The Arabs came to look upon them as noble expounders of that great Christian principle of doing unto others as you would have others do unto you. They had faith in American justice as practiced by those Americans who at one time or another had founded more than 200 schools in the Near East, besides the numerous hospitals, public health institutions and social welfare agencies. Many of these unselfish, idealistically-minded Americans lie buried in the ancient soil of the Holy Land, their lives sacrificed to as noble a cause of brotherhood and understanding as those who bore arms to free mankind from totalitarian dictators.

"Because politicians in Washington yielded to the vociferously organized pressure of a minority group, for fear of losing their financial and political support in the coming 1948 national elections, the foundations of the Arab-American brotherhood have been shattered. Had not the 1946 elections, especially the reversals in New York State following a blackmail advertising campaign directed at candidates, taught politicians that if they wanted to remain in office, they must not endanger the 47 electoral votes? The handwriting was on the wall. There are 35 electoral votes in Pennsylvania, 28 in Illinois, etc. This year the politicians are determined not to lose those votes, even if the principle of self-determination had to be sabotaged. After all, the Arab vote doesn't count for much in the United States, since there are only about a half million Arabic-speaking Americans, spread thinly among the 48 states.

"Whatever the outcome of partition in Palestine, history is sure to record the tragic role that the United States has played. For had the United States not applied pressure on small nations, dependent in some measure upon American largesse, partition would never have been passed. Small nations were compelled to sacrifice their conscience and their principles upon the altar of political expediency."

Four World Empires

By HOWARD B. RAND

FOLLOWING THE interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Daniel explained to the King that God had announced to him what was to happen in the future. He pointed out that both the dream and its interpretation would become actual fact in experience. This being true, history should bear testimony accordingly, substantiating the prophetic foresight of Daniel, the Prophet of the Lord.

Testimony of Unbelievers

Modernists and atheists, as well as agnostics, testify to the accuracy of the dream and its interpretation insofar as the succession of empires that followed the fall of Babylon are concerned. But they refuse to accept the prophetic nature of that vision and try to destroy the effectiveness of Daniel's interpretation by placing the writing of his book long after the time of Nebuchadnezzar and the fall of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. Already we have pointed out how absurd such a contention is and that Daniel did live and was active in the governmental affairs of Babylon. Nevertheless, the testimony of the critics to the accuracy of the fulfillment of the interpretation of the King's dream proves how clearly God had revealed events to come to Nebuchadnezzar and how accurately Daniel had interpreted that revelation. The unreasonableness of the assumption of those who try to place the writings of Daniel after the events predicted, as they seek to destroy the value of his prophecies, becomes doubly absurd as we study the detail of fulfillment, particularly the events of modern times and the remarkable fulfillment of Daniel's prophecies for our day and generation.

Review of History

In order to more clearly understand the prophetic significance of the image seen by the King of Babylon, let us briefly review a few highlights of world history. In doing so, let us set forth in outline the historical facts which demonstrate the actuality of the four

great empires, personified by the gold, silver, brass and iron of which the image was constructed.

The Head of Gold

Daniel informed Nebuchadnezzar that he was the head of gold so the gold of this image was emblematical of the Babylonian Empire after Nebuchadnezzar came to power. Prior to that time Babylon had been one of the cities in the ancient Assyrian Empire and a part of the Euphratean civilization. Nimrod was the founder of the Assyrian Empire, a builder of cities and of the Tower of Babel. Finally, war had arisen between Nineveh, the capitol of Assyria, and Babylon, but Nabopolassar, a Babylonian by birth and a general in the army, usurped authority in Babylon and joined forces with Cyaxares I, King of the Medes. Together they besieged Nineveh and destroyed the city. Babylon then became the capitol of Assyria.

Appointment of Nebuchadnezzar

After the destruction of Nineveh Necho, King of Egypt, advanced to the Euphrates River, took the city of Carchemish and stirred up Syria and Palestine in revolt against Nabopolassar, King of Babylon. The King was too old to take the field so he appointed his son, Nebuchadnezzar, as his associate and entrusted him with the task of subduing the rebellious countries.

Nebuchadnezzar defeated the Egyptian Army and retook Carchemish, then marched into Syria and Palestine. He carried away part of the treasure of Solomon's Temple and took a number of the principal citizens captive to Babylon among whom were Daniel and his three companions.

First World Empire

Babylon reached the height of its prosperity and power during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar and became the first great World Empire. After completing his conquests, and bringing the nations around him into subjection to his rule, Nebuchadnezzar proceeded to rebuild and beautify the city of Baby-

lon. The description of the city depicts a strong, fortified metropolis as the capitol of his Empire. Speaking of Babylon, John C. Ridpath, LL.D., in his *History of the World*, Volume I, states:

"Perhaps no other city of the ancient world, with the single exception of Rome, has occupied so large a share of the attention of the antiquary, the historian, and the philosopher."

Description of Babylon

All authorities agree that the city lay four-square with the Euphrates River running through its center. Herodotus declares the walls to have been fourteen miles in length on each side, or 56 miles in circumference. Within the walls were enclosed gardens, orchards and fields. Thus, with water from the river and gardens within, the city was self-sustaining and could withstand a siege of long duration.

The walls were approximately 250 to 300 feet high and at least 80 feet thick. So vast was the masonry in the walls, and so great their height and thickness, that they were an impregnable bulwark against any means of attack in use at that time. On the summit of the principal wall there were 250 towers placed opposite each other on the outer and inner edges. But the wall itself was so wide at the top that there was room to turn a four-horse chariot around on top of the wall between the towers.

Within the city were the famous hanging gardens numbered among the seven wonders of the ancient world. They consisted of stages, or stories, one above another, each supported by arches rising in all to a height of at least 75 feet and covered with a great mass of earth in which flowers and shrubs grew, and even large trees.

There were a hundred gates in the outer wall, 25 gates on each side of the city with 25 main streets running in each direction across the city between the gates in the opposite walls. The banks of the Euphrates River were lined with quays and drawbridges

spanned the river. A deep wide moat surrounded the city outside the walls.

Accuracy of Prophecy

Today, the city of Babylon is in complete ruins; no other city of such magnitude has suffered a more complete extinction. The utterances of the prophets in their condemnation of this great city, and the judgment which was finally to overtake her, have been literally fulfilled, for this once mighty metropolis of the Babylonians slumbers in the dust into which it passed into oblivion. Thus, prophecy and its fulfillment clearly demonstrate the accuracy of God's Word, vindicating His prophets and proving how untenable is the position of the atheist and higher critic. The following are a few of the utterances of the prophets regarding the judgment which was to come upon this proud city:

"Babylon shall become heaps." (Jer. 51: 37.)

"Destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left." (Jer. 50: 26.)

"The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire." (Jer. 51: 58.)

"A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up." (Jer. 50: 38.)

"As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the Lord; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein." (Jer. 50: 40.)

As the centuries rolled by it all come to pass as prophesied by Jeremiah, for today Babylon is a heap of ruins, her walls are broken down, the gates gone, the canals dried up and the moat destroyed.

Turning to Isaiah, we read:

"Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness." (Isa. 47: 5.)

Solitude and silence as profound as the grave surround the present ruins of Babylon.

"It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation." (Isa. 13: 20.)

Ruins like those of Babylon, which are but heaps of rubbish impregnated with nitre, cannot be cultivated, and so it is uninhabitable.

"Neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there." (Isa. 13: 20.)

It is impossible to get an Arab to remain today in the vicinity of the ruins of this ancient city after dark. They, and the people of the surround-

ing countryside, assert it is extremely dangerous to approach this mound after nightfall because of multitudes of evil spirits by which it is haunted. One writer says:

"By their superstitious belief they [the Arabs and shepherds] are prevented from pitching a tent by night, or making a fold there."

Jeremiah stated that no son of man would dwell there but the evil spirits, the *Rephaim*, are not the sons of men but sons of the *Nephilim* and hence, because of the licentiousness and evil associated with Babylon, they have taken up their abode there.*

It Came to Pass

In the day Isaiah and Jeremiah were speaking, Babylon was a great and flourishing city. For centuries afterward it still was a great city. But, finally, all that those prophets predicted would come to pass upon that proud city was fulfilled to the very letter. For further detail concerning the completeness of the overthrow of Babylon see *Study in Jeremiah*, pages 272 to 275.

Nebuchadnezzar's Son's Son

Babylon, however, held dominion over all the nations during the day of Nebuchadnezzar, and as declared by Jeremiah:

"All nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him." (Jer. 27: 7.)

Nebuchadnezzar was succeeded by his son, Evil-Merodach, who reigned two years and was slain. His sister's husband, Neriglissar, succeeded him and was slain in the fourth year of his reign. Neriglissar's son, Laborosoarchod, a grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, came to the throne. The Kingdom did not come to an end with this grandson, who was a son of Nebuchadnezzar's daughter. Jeremiah had prophesied that it would come to its end under a son of Nebuchadnezzar's son. Belshazzar was a son of Evil-Merodach and he succeeded Laborosoarchod to the throne of Babylon.

End of Babylonian Empire

It was Belshazzar who held a great feast on the night that the city was

*See "Giants of the Darkness", *DESTINY* for November 1947.

taken by the Medes and Persians. The detail of this conquest will be given later when dealing with the handwriting on the wall of the Palace.

It was in the reign of Belshazzar that the great Babylonian Empire came to its end. Beginning with the reign of Nebuchadnezzar as King of Babylon, that Empire exercised authority and rule over all nations for the short period of approximately seventy years — but they were seventy eventful years during which Jerusalem was taken, the Temple destroyed, and the southern Kingdom of Judah was carried away into Babylonian captivity.

Arms and Breast of Silver

Cyrus the Persian captured Babylon and with the fall of the city the Babylonian Kingdom came to its end and the Medo-Persian Empire began its expansion into a great world power. Two years after the consolidation of the great Empire of the Medes and Persians, Darius the Mede died and Cyrus became sole ruler. It was during the days of that Empire that the decrees were issued which sent a remnant of those taken from Judah into Babylonian captivity back to Judea to begin the building of Jerusalem and the Temple. The record of some of this activity is clearly tabulated in the accounts given by both Ezra and Nehemiah.

The events as recorded in the Book of Esther took place during the reign of Ahasuerus, who was none other than Xerxes the Great who led his army of over a million men against Greece and was defeated in battle. He returned to his own land, after which we have the record of Esther becoming his Queen.

End of Second World Empire

Darius Codomanus was the last King of Persia and he was overpowered by Alexander the Great who established the Grecian Empire. This was the third World Empire to which Daniel referred in his interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. The duration of the Medo-Persian Empire was a little over 200 years and its end came when Alexander, with 50,000 men, defeated the Persian army of 20 times that number of soldiers, utterly routing them.

Alexander the Great

Alexander was the son of Philip of Macedonia who had engaged Aristotle

to tutor his son. Upon Philip's death Alexander succeeded him to the Throne of Macedonia at the age of 20 years. He brought all Greece under his control, for after the death of his father Philip, who had previously subjugated Greece, the people had revolted, thinking Alexander only a boy. Demosthenes expressed the general sentiment when he said Alexander was but a hair-brained boy. But Alexander proved to the astonished Grecians that he was a man of wonderful military ability, for he triumphed victoriously over all his opponents.

Belly and Thighs of Brass

Finally, Alexander was appointed Generalissimo over the Grecians and led the Greeks against the Persians, which resulted in the defeat of the Persian Army. Having established the third great World Empire, Alexander settled down in Babylon. Before his government was fully established, however, having forgotten his earlier instructions, he drank himself to death and his government was thrown into confusion by this unexpected demise of their King.

Rise of Rome

The death of Alexander resulted in a division within his Kingdom, but the Kingdom itself continued until the Roman Empire was finally established upon the ruins of the Grecian Empire. Macedonia's interference between Rome and Carthage led to the defeat of Philip V at Pydna in 168 B.C., and in 146 B.C. Corinth was destroyed by Mummius. Greece then became in fact, if not at once in form, a province of the Roman Empire into which its history merges. It formed part of Byzantine or Eastern Roman Empire until the Turks made themselves masters of Constantinople in 1453 A.D.

George P. Fisher, D.D., LL.D., in his *Outline of Universal History*, states:

"Rome is the bridge which unites, while it separates, the ancient and the modern world. The history of Rome is the narrative of the building up of a single city, whose dominion gradually spread until it comprised all the countries about the Mediterranean, or what were then the civilized nations. In this great empire was gathered up the sum total that remained of the religions, laws, customs, languages, letters, arts and sciences of all the nations of antiquity which had successfully held sway or predominance."

Legs of Iron

As pointed out in *Study in Revelation*,* the events covered by the first seal of the sixth chapter of Revelation began with 31 B.C., for John was given a review and preview of the entire period of the activities of the Roman Empire:

"The establishment of the Roman Empire is generally dated from the battle of Actium, 31 B. C. This began the imperial reign of Octavius under the title of Emperor and Augustus. Peace and prosperity came to Rome under his rule. Many reforms were instituted. At a distance, and in the outlying portions of his vast empire, there were armed clashes as Rome consolidated her conquests and extended her territory." (*Study in Revelation*, pages 37 and 38.)

Revival of Roman Empire

As a dominating world power Imperial Rome came to its end when the Western Roman Empire passed away during the time the fourth angel of Revelation sounded his trumpet (Rev. 8: 12). The period covered the years from 476 to 622 A.D. But Daniel shows that the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar does not indicate the end of the Roman Empire as coinciding with the destruction of the authority and power of Imperial Rome. This Empire, which was shown to the King of Babylon to be as strong as iron, breaking and bruising, did not end with the passing of the rule and authority of Imperial Rome, for there came a revival of the authority and power exercised by ancient Rome with the rise of the Papacy. Details of the historical evidence showing that revival are given in *Study in Revelation*, from which the following excerpt is quoted:

"Papal Rome's domination of the religious-political activities of nations enabled her to exercise an imperial rule that eclipsed even that of Pagan Rome in the height of her glory." (*Study in Revelation*, page 85.)

Rome, Civil and Ecclesiastical

Both Pagan Rome and Papal Rome secured their authority and power to rule from Babylon. Imperial Rome seized that authority by right of conquest when she overcame the Grecian Empire and established herself as the inheritor of the power and territories of the Babylonian Succession of Empires.

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Papal Rome ("Mystery, Babylon the Great" of Revelation 17) received her authority and power from the Chaldean Mysteries, whose original seat of activity was in ancient Babylon, but which center was later transferred to Pergamos and afterwards to Rome (see *Study in Revelation*, pages 14 and 259).

In describing the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel speaks of the two legs of iron depicting the fourth World Empire. One leg represents the civil authority and power vested in Imperial Rome while the other is the manifestation of the mystical and spiritual phases of Babylonian religious life as evidenced in the activities of Papal Rome. The two together span the centuries and it must be clearly borne in mind that the political and religious life of Babylon, as well as its economic and military power, continued down through the years though Babylon itself as a great Empire had passed away. In the period of the supremacy of Rome we find for the first time in the history of the Babylonian Succession a distinct separation between the civil and religious phases. Imperial Rome was established by 31 B.C. and came to its end between 476-622 A.D. (see *Study in Revelation*, pages 83-84).

The Eastern division of the Roman Empire began its decline when Mohammed came to power and its end came with the capitulation of Constantinople in 1453 A.D. (see *Study in Revelation*, pages 94-95). But the Roman Empire had not yet lost its place in the world as a predominant imperial power though its civil and military authority had declined. A revival came with the rise of the Papacy, for under the ecclesiastical manifestation of imperial power the Roman Empire continued. This was the revival of the authority and power of Imperial Rome so misunderstood by prophetic students today who try to make this revival a still future event (see *Documentary Studies*, pages 399-403).

Thus, first under the domination of Imperial Rome in both its western and eastern branches, and later under the supremacy of its ecclesiastical authority giving support to the civil activities of European governments, we understand the accurate symbolism of the two legs of the image as the Roman Empire continued its powerful sway over men, later merging into Continental Empires and nations and enduring to the end of the Times of the

Gentiles (see "End of Gentile Rule," *Documentary Studies*, page 139).

Iron Mixed With Clay

Both of the feet of the image, as well as the toes, are represented as being partly of iron and partly of clay, indicating not only a subdivision of the Roman Empire in the last days of Gentile rule but a weakened and brittle condition in that subdivision. Daniel declared the nations constituting the subdivisions would not cleave together; that is, they would not be of one accord in their desires and actions. History has fully substantiated this fact. Continental Empires, though of the Babylonian Succession, for they were subdivisions of the Roman Empire, had no political or religious unity, for the cohesion which originally cemented

the provinces of Imperial Rome into one unit was completely missing. There was among them the strength of iron but there was also the weakness of clay, and this disunity among the nations of Continental Europe has been clearly manifested in the events of the last century, and particularly during World Wars I and II.

Confounding the Critics

The European nations, in their political and religious manifestations, completely fulfilled the conditions described by Daniel when the chronological time came for their manifestation as represented by the feet and toes of clay. Will the atheists and higher critics still tell us the Book of Daniel must have been written after these European nations came into existence

because the Prophet so clearly described the conditions extant throughout Europe during the last few centuries? Today we have seen the effect resulting from the Stone smiting the feet of the image, but the account of these stirring events must be left for another chapter.

We have shown here, however, that history amply verifies the fact of the existence of the four World Empires, and that they did follow one another in the order given by Daniel in the interpretation of the image Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream. Thus, Daniel was a Prophet of the Lord and foretold the rise and fall of mighty empires, described the subdivisions of the Roman Empire into continental empires and nations, and the means and methods used to bring about their final judgment and overthrow.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

MURDER and strife throughout Palestine and bloodshed in the streets of Jerusalem bring the words of the Psalmist to mind:

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." (Ps. 122:6.)

American citizens, thousands of miles away from the city of Jerusalem, may wonder why the peace of this city has anything whatever to do with their prosperity. Unknown to a majority of them, and to multitudes of people upon the face of the earth, is the fact that only in the peace of Jerusalem will they have peace. The present strife in the land of Palestine is rapidly bringing about the very conditions which will make World War III inevitable. Jewish agitation and Arab resistance to the Zionist program have focused the attention of the world upon this Bible territory.

Among the many nations becoming intensely interested is Russia, whose leaders hope today to capitalize upon the unrest and violence created by the Jews and secure for themselves the coveted prize — Jerusalem, the Holy City, and Palestine, the Holy Land. When the Soviets move into Palestine it will mean war — not peace — for, as the result of Soviet aggression, Jerusalem will become the center of world strife.

It is useless for nations to hope for prosperity or peace while Jerusalem suffers from violence and strife. There will be no peace for the nations of the world until this

City of the Great King is free and the days of her desolation are ended. Until then, and in spite of all efforts of men, war and strife will afflict all nations. Through Isaiah the Prophet the Lord has declared:

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night; ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silent, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." (Isa. 62: 6-7.)

When peace comes to this troubled world the blessings of prosperity will flow from the seat of a benevolent government established at Jerusalem. Under the administration of the Prince of Peace, Zechariah stated:

"Every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles." (Zech. 14: 16.)

Watch Jerusalem! As strife and violence increasingly affect this city, so will wars increase and disasters multiply until all nations are involved in a third world conflict. The admonition of David was prophetic and particularly applicable today. In speaking of Jerusalem, the Lord declared: "The city which I have chosen me to put my name there" (I Kings 11: 36). Therefore, all who seek peace should pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for when the City of God is at peace they shall have peace and prosperity.

The Statesmanship of Jesus

By REV. WM. P. GOARD

PART I

THE Epistle to the Hebrews is unique among the New Testament writings. The first question to strike the reader of this Epistle is that of its authorship. The other Epistles are signed, or indication is given as to their authorship, but no human signature is attached to this great Epistle.

Much questioning has been heard as to its authorship and much comment has been offered as to why no name has been signed to its wonderful pages. Yet, it seems to us that the Epistle is signed — and with a Name that is bound to command the utmost veneration and reverence.

In the days that saw the production of the New Testament Epistles, it was the custom to sign the letter first, then follow the signature with the matter to be dealt with. Thus "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ," is the opening phrase in other Epistles; the first word was the signature of the author.

We look to the first word of the Epistle to the Hebrews for the signature of the author. So strange is it to find the Name in that place that we turn away from it with the impression that the Epistle commences with the introduction of matter to be dealt with, without any signature at all. But that is not the case.

Authorship

The first word of the Epistle is "God" but, as we follow the theme immediately introduced, we find that God is not the theme of the Epistle. Halting in our thought, considering the relationship of that first Name to the remainder of the Epistle, we are startled by the growing conviction that "God" stands to that Epistle as the signature of the author of the Epistle.

It is little wonder that men have failed to grasp the significance of the Name so placed, and that they have turned away, saying "God" is the theme of the Epistle and the author who develops the theme is unknown. Instead of that we shall assume that "God" is the signature of Him who,

through a human agency indeed, presents and develops the theme of the Epistle.

If this is the true relationship of the Name to the Epistle, we are about to read a literary production of unusual sacredness in character and authority even in Bible literature. We are about to read a letter from our Father, who is "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In the Old Testament we find many documents signed with the Divine name, "I am, Jehovah." In the New Testament this Epistle alone bears the Name "God" in the signature place. "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him" bears the name of Jesus Christ, the "Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." The remaining books of the New Testament bear the names of evangelists and apostles.

God, the Son

Thus, among the books of the New Testament, this Epistle would rank first, in view of the signature name "God." What is there in the nature and message of the Epistle which should call for such a startling divergence from the lines of ordinary inspiration, in which lines "Holy men of God wrote and spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost"? This question is answered by the nature of the theme.

The theme of the Epistle, immediately introduced and followed with Divine Majesty from paragraph to paragraph, is: God, the Son. It is introduced in this way:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." (Heb. 1: 1-3.)

This is a presentation of the Son, a declaration of His Person, biological

order of life, essential Deity, of His Divine activity as the Maker of the earth and the heavens, the Upholder of all things, the Remover of the heavens and the earth, of His Saviourship and of His Majesty. Then follows a comparison of the angels with the Son, showing that they are in all things inferior to Him. Thereupon there is the declaration of His becoming incarnate, of His taking upon Himself "the seed of Abraham." Thus, the great message speeds forward, traversing a field of fact and truth, much of which is above and beyond the experience of men and the knowledge of the schools of men.

As we read and ponder all these things, we see why God should have taken this phase of Divine revelation into His own hands, and why this most marvelous Epistle should be signed with His own Name. The vividness, and the matter presented in this Epistle, marks it as distinct from all the others. The theme is exalted above that of the writings of John, breathing the very spirit of the very Majesty of God, while the writings of John breathe the very spirituality of God. Perhaps the terms we have used, "the Spirit of God" and "the Spirituality of God," will illustrate what we desire to convey.

High, holy, breathing the very Spirit of God, as this Epistle does, its revelation is concerned with the very facts and organizations of men on earth. It begins with the elements and compounds of which the earth is composed, before there was a conscious mind on earth to respond to spirituality. It deals with particles of matter, with gases, vapors, liquids, grains of sand, particles of mud, with rocks and soil, with land and sea, in the making of the earth and the heavens.

For ages and ages this was the field of the activity of the Maker of the earth and the heavens. It deals with the Angel hosts, and their activities. It deals with "the seed of Abraham," selected among the families of the earth to be the administrative agency

of the Lord among men. It deals with the covenants, national and racial, which God made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It deals with the original Kingship that existed before Abraham's time, that came into contact with Abraham and received in the person of Melchisedec the homage and tithes of Abraham, and blessed him. It deals with the seat of that Kingship in the earth — "Salem."

It shows that Kingship was ordained to be the Kingship of Jesus Christ — God, the Son. It shows that that Kingship shall be in the seed of Abraham through Isaac, that its capitol shall be Jerusalem, and that it shall be a Kingdom without end.

Thus, the theme of this Epistle is racial, national, world-wide. The common things, the ordinary things, the national things are made to breathe the very Spirit of God. Governments, Kings, marching armies, administrative courts, national administration are made to stand out as the field of the administration of God, the Son.

It is clear that we are traversing a field of vision and of fact that is higher than the wisdom of men. God alone could testify to all these infinitely exalted things. No other book or Epistle of the Bible traverses more exalted mountain peaks of truth. No other part of the Bible more fully and clearly relates all these things to the life of the nation, to the things of the material world and to the inanimate world.

Foundation Principles

Before going on it will be well to inspect certain foundation principles and make sure that each of the six foundation courses we will examine are "well and truly laid."

The foundation is given to us as consisting of six courses of masonry as follows:

- 1) Repentance from dead works.
- 2) Faith toward God.
- 3) The Doctrine of Baptisms.
- 4) The laying-on of hands.
- 5) Resurrection of the dead.
- 6) Eternal judgment.

These are summarized from the opening verses of the sixth chapter of Hebrews:

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." (Heb. 6: 1-2.)

The courses of masonry are massive. The outline of the building, as marked out by the foundation, is large and imposing. But it must be observed and remembered that the whole intention of the lines thus mentioned is to furnish *the foundation of a building to be erected* in its entirety upon it, to which we are urged to "go on."

To build without a proper foundation is to incur the strictures of our Lord in His peroration at the close of the Sermon on the Mount:

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." (Matt. 7: 26-27.)

We shall later consider the structure which the Great Architect has planned to be built upon this foundation but, lest the Lord should class us with the foolish men who build upon the sand, we will look closely at the details of the plan of the foundation here outlined for us.

Course I of the foundation is: "*Repentance from dead works.*"

We would all be glad if this task of repentance, this initial part of the task, were not laid upon us. Repentance is an unwelcome business when and wherever met with. But inasmuch as it is the initial step in the building of our "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," we must face it and make the necessary beginning. We shall view this from the standpoint of the individual, Church and national relationships to God.

Personal Repentance

First, let us consider personal repentance in our relationship to the Church. Let it be understood that when we use the word "Church" we are not referring to any man-made organization, but to that spiritual organization which includes all known to the Lord as the members of His body.

What are to be classed as dead works? Everything done for the sake and purpose of securing the salvation of our souls thereby. It is not within the reach or scope of any works of ours to secure thereby the salvation of our souls. This is the case when we think of actions done in the community, such as alms-giving, and works of social uplift for the people. Nothing that we have done, nothing that we can do,

can even contribute to the salvation of our souls:

"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Eph. 2: 8.)

Anything that we do in the way of worship, with the object and for the purpose of securing the salvation of our souls by such acts of worship, can be nothing more than "dead works." Ages of sacrifice, oceans of the blood of slain beasts, lifetimes of prayers and forms of worship, all these and every other act of penance, depended upon for the salvation of our souls, are nothing more than dead works; there can be no ultimate salvation in them. And because there can be no salvation in them, they are declared obnoxious to God when offered instead of the One Great Sacrifice.

Our Lord by Himself, with no help from any man, purged our sins and it is the uttermost presumption for any man, or school of men, or church composed of men and women, to thrust themselves into this task. It is the prerogative and the glory of our Lord alone.

Thus, the Mosaic ritual is done away with. "There remains no more sacrifice for sin" and "Once in the end of the world Christ appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." The sinner cannot aid in the great task of putting sin away.

Is there, then, no work and no worship demanded of the sinner? Yes, and the first act of such worship is "repentance from dead works." Work and worship are required of the Christian, who has accepted salvation as the free gift of God, to the uttermost of his power and to the last moment of his life:

"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Rom. 12: 1.)

An alien does not by his own works become a citizen of a nation. That position is the gift of the government. But, having become a citizen, he has certain responsibilities and certain tasks to perform. Thus it is with the sinner. He does not work and worship to save his soul thereby. But, having accepted the grace which saves as a gift from God, *from that moment he is face to face with his duties as a Christian.*

Repentance for the Church

John Wesley rediscovered the fact that there is a psychological and

spiritual experience which enables the sinner to know that he is justified in the presence of God and is saved from his sins and their consequences. That is to say, he is able to know that he has received the free gift of God, which is salvation. He is made aware of it by spiritual means. It is the testimony of the leaders of our nation that John Wesley's rediscovery and insistent preaching of this fact not only brought triumphant gladness to those who entered into that consciousness, but saved the nation, as a nation, from the overflowing of the French Revolution and, by doing so, saved Western civilization from extinction. It is the testimony of present Cabinet ministers and other leaders of Britain that what the present day needs is another John Wesley.

Why should this generation need another John Wesley? Precisely because the Church as an organization has largely ceased to preach that doctrine, and has gone back to the preaching of dead works; namely, of works and of forms and ceremonies of worship for the purpose of securing salvation.

Therefore, as to individual members of the Church, and as to the Church at large, we must lay the foundation anew.

National Repentance

The nation, as a nation, and every citizen within it, must also lay this first course of the foundation: "Repentance from dead works." What are national dead works? Planning and doing things merely with the avowed object of securing the nation's prosperity? Like personal salvation, this latter also is *the gift of God's grace*. Our national and international efforts outside of God's revealed plan have always failed in history, and will always fail.

It will, however, be the simpler method to present the positive side, the things which the nation should do, than to see how far away the nation is from doing these things, and how fearfully busy it is in doing other things which can only be classed as "dead works." When we use the term "nation," we mean the Anglo-Saxon-Celto peoples at large, the "nation and company of nations."

First, God established the Israel nation as the basis of His Kingdom, and as His "special treasure." Let this fact sink well into our minds as the first positive factor involved. This is a fundamental national fact. Britain, the

Overseas Dominions and the United States will never get anywhere in their quest for peace and tranquillity until they all realize that, collectively, the race is Divinely appointed to be the Kingdom nation of the Lord. We are under the impression that God looks upon all these nations as one entity. He organized the twelve tribes of Israel into one nation, later to become a company of nations, with the declaration, "Ye shall be unto Me a Kingdom."

The next thing we must call to mind is that Jehovah, the Lord, has established Himself forever as King in Israel; that is to say in modern times, in the Anglo-Saxon-Celto nations. This thought must sink down into our hearts, into the collective minds of our legislatures, our national Cabinets, the heads and staffs of our administrative departments. The Lord Jehovah is our King in very deed, and as nations we must know and do His will. No act may be passed, nor order issued by council or by court, which will not honor His presence and His Kingship. *Every step in the administration of our country must be worthy of Him, inasmuch as they become His acts; that is to say, the acts of His Government.* Let this fact once penetrate the minds and hearts of our people and our national activities will take on another spirit.

Again, we must remember as a most matter-of-fact basis of national activity, that the Lord has given to us a national Constitution, perfect in every detail. This consists of the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments of Jehovah. Of these, David, the great administrator, said, "The law of Jehovah is perfect, converting the soul." Let it be remembered that he was no nomadic tribal leader, but the King of a nation which could put a million fighting men in the field. Let us remember that, under the impulse and guidance of that Constitution, David and his son, Solomon, extended the bounds of his home kingdom from the Mediterranean to the Euphrates, made his nation the leading power in the earth, both militarily and culturally, and extended colonial and commercial enterprise over the northern hemisphere, laying foundations which have never been uprooted to this day.

God gave to the nation the duty and privilege of administering that Constitution, and of demonstrating its principles and power to the very ends of the earth. But the Lord Jehovah

withheld the right and authority from the nation to add to, take from, or to amend that Constitution. Its sole right was to administer it. This was the nation's glory, as the Bible most clearly tells us, and this was the nation's salvation.

But God's Kingdom nation has committed and is perpetrating horrible transgressions. The nation has ignored and forgotten the fact that Jehovah is really the King of the nation. Perfunctorily we assure Him that such is the case in our national service. With lip service we draw near to Him still. But in heart and practice we have forgotten and we deny the fact of His Kingship in the nation. We do not think of it in the courts. The judge does not think of himself as the "alter ego" of the King who "sits upon the throne of Jehovah," as David and Solomon did. The "counsel learned in the law" of the court do not as a profession realize that they are there as ministers of Jehovah, to see righteousness established, and to see that no wrong is done to any man, especially to the innocent man. The courts have forgotten that it is the glory of the King of Israel to "forgive iniquity, transgression and sin." When a barrister goes into the court, robed in his priestly robes, for that is really what he wears, to "secure a conviction," he fails to remember that he is the minister of Him who said, "Neither do I condemn thee," even though He, best of all men, knew the flagrancy of the transgression of the sinner brought before Him.

The nation has forgotten and ignores the fact that Jehovah is the established Head of every commercial and industrial organization, and that all transactions come under His eye and administration. The nation forgets that the commercial magnate, who wields less or more power, stands in the place of the Lord among those with whom he deals.

The worker forgets that "to the Lord" he is rendering service from day to day; that to the Lord he is ultimately responsible; that from the Lord he will receive reward for his labors in field, factory or office, or that from the Lord he will meet condemnation or reward.

The nation has put away the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments of the Lord, and has established its own laws. This has been the case from the time of Omri, King of Israel.

We are all equally guilty here; and our own action has brought its own fearful punishment. What strivings, what tumults, what wars, have been our portion. If it had not been for the mercy and long-suffering of our Lord and King we would long ago have perished from the face of the land. But the Lord has had great mercy, and is now calling the nation to repentance and to the restoration of His law. He pledges His word in the New Covenant that He will bring this about.

Thus, individually, ecclesiastically and nationally — as individuals, in Church and State — the foundation course of masonry must be: "Repentance from dead works."

Course II of the foundation is: "*Faith toward God.*"

This matter would seem to be so well understood that it is unnecessary to write concerning it, but is it indeed so? Has the present generation heard very much about the doctrine of faith toward God? We doubt it very much.

True, there still remain circles which place faith among the doctrines essential to individual and community life. But this is usually presented as simply faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. This teaching is true, gloriously true, *but it is not all*. The great foundation of faith toward God has a much wider scope than this view of it would convey.

If we wish to understand the full meaning and the full power of this foundation doctrine, we must still keep to our dual consideration of what I may call *faith national* and *faith ecclesiastical*. Not two objectives for our thoughts, but two phases of one great doctrine.

That faith is essential to the Christian life we all agree. But what is that faith? In what terms is it to be expressed? In what realm or realms is it to be worked out? These are vital questions if we are to understand the foundation of Christian doctrine. Paul says this:

"What saith the Scriptures? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." (Rom. 4: 3.)

Many believe *in* God — that is to say, they believe that God is — who do not believe the Word which He has spoken. They believe *in Him*, but they do not believe *Him*.

Many even believe *on* God, perhaps to the saving of their souls, but they do not believe *Him in the Word which He*

has spoken. There are words spoken by Him which they do believe, of course, otherwise they would not believe on Him, but there are many things spoken of Him that they do not positively believe, even though they may not positively disbelieve.

The foundation faith of which we speak today goes the whole way. It is in the widest sense faith toward God: faith in Him and faith in His spoken and written Word.

By what means does God speak to us that we may believe? He spoke:

"At sundry times and in divers manners in time past unto the fathers by the prophets [and] hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." (Heb. 1: 1-2.)

That is to say, He has spoken unto us by the prophets of the Old Testament, and by the voice of the Lord in the New Testament. This is the message we have from God. What is it that God has said that we must believe?

The story is a straightforward one. It is one story, the various parts of which were spoken "at sundry times and in divers manners" over a period of more than a thousand years. It begins with the story of the Creation. It proceeds to the story of the beginning of Adamic life on earth. It follows the redemption line down through Seth and Shem to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It presents the Covenants made with these in their fullness.

It tells of the family of Israel going down into Egypt. It tells of their emergence from Egypt and of their organization into a nation. It tells of the organization of their worship and of the organization of their national life. It reveals the Law of the nation. It tells of their induction into their own land. It tells of the establishment of the Lord therein as King and how He administered the Law of the nation through the Judges. It tells of the establishment of the Kingdom of David. It follows the history of the people. It records all the covenants and promises made by God with and to the people and proceeds to the prophecies.

It reveals God's plan for the salvation of the souls of men and for the establishment of righteousness in the earth by means of national organization and administration. It tells of the lands Israel would possess and of the fact that for ages she would forfeit some of those lands.

It tells of the division of the nation into two parts and what tribes made up

each. It tells of the captivities and of their duration — that of Judah and Benjamin for seventy years and that of the House of Israel for 2,520 years.

It tells of the House of Israel divorced from God and sent out into captivity, there to wander for ages through the wilderness. It tells in the meantime of a "daughter state" called "Israel in the Isles." It tells of the fact that the Throne of David should be established there. It tells of the rise of the continental nations and of the succession and duration of them. It tells of their overthrow and of Israel's restoration in the latter days. It tells of Israel's colonial enterprises and of her colonizing the ends of the earth. It tells of her freeing the slave and gathering the heathen under her flag.

It tells of the coming of the Messiah as the Saviour of the world and as the Redeemer of Israel. It tells of His ministry, of His betrayal and of His death. It tells how much he would be sold for, and what would eventually be done with the money for which He was sold. It tells of the soldiers playing a game of hazard at the foot of His cross, and that they would cast lots for His garment. It tells of His death, burial, resurrection and ascension. All these things were told prophetically ages before He was born. The history of His birth, and of all that pertained to His life we have in the Gospels. The meaning of it all we have in the Epistles. And, finally, we have the prewritten history in the Book of Revelation of His activities during the Christian dispensation from the national standpoint and the culmination of the teaching that He should in due time come again and take the throne of His father David in Israel.

It tells of the great wars of the nations, who should struggle against the rule of the world going into the hands of His Kingdom-nation Israel and finally against its going into His own hands. It tells of the final triumph of the nation Israel, and through Israel, in which the rule of Jehovah is still going on, the restoration of all things.

This in part is the outline of the great story.

In later days the story of the atoning work of the Lord was dissevered from the story of the Kingdom message, and it has been presented alone as the object and ground of our faith. *This must now be reversed and our faith must reach out to the full doctrine of the Lord.* Faith toward God must include the great

doctrines which form the "plan of salvation" and they must also include the great doctrines which form the basis of the Divine administration of the affairs of the nation.

For any man, or any school, to deny that Jehovah, our Omniscient King, has left Himself without a plan to work to in either of these great departments of His administration, or that He has failed to make it known to those of whom He has declared, "Now ye are labourers together with God," is to show a very low estimate of Divine wisdom and a very poor grasp of the great facts which underlie all individual and national experience in Israel.

Let us set forth the outline of faith as it applies to the plan of salvation. First, the diagnosis of the health of the person to be saved, furnished by the Lord, must be accepted. Our own knowledge of all the symptoms will aid us in accepting the Divine conclusion:

"The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." (Isa. 1: 5-6.)

With many variations the same great truth is sent home to the minds of those who will read and understand. The patient is sick and dying. It is but a question of a short time until the life will expire, unless Divine remedies are provided. Thus we get the great doctrine of sin permeating the human family so that none may escape. When we have mastered the secrets of biology, of physiology and of pathology, we will understand how terribly true this is. Leading physicians and men of physiological and biological science know that the race is corrupt in body and in the conscious and subconscious mind.

We must now accept the remedy provided. It is the application by faith of the precious blood of Christ, "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." There must be faith in the vivifying power of the blood of Christ—this is in the realm of biology.

In the realm of jurisprudence we must accept the legal justification before the bar of eternal justice, which is brought about by the fact of the substitutionary sufferings of our Lord:

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53: 6.)

Those who put away the great doctrine of the atonement remove the faith course from the foundation and thus endanger the whole edifice.

Uplift in the Scale of Being

We must believe in the *regeneration of the life of man*; i.e., the rebirth into a higher order. There is not the slightest evidence that one species ever evolved into another species of a higher order. But there is abundant evidence that God gives to the sons of Adam, who are "of the earth earthy," the power to become the sons of God. This is not by process of evolution, but by an act of Divine inbreathing of life:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1: 12-13.)

This is the new birth by the Holy Spirit and it is the triumph of human life. It is missed entirely and forever by the practical evolutionist, who dreams away life's great opportunity in the fond but fatal hope that the inherent powers of life will do for him what nothing but the personally-applied creative, regenerative power of God can do—and which God accomplishes by the agency of faith. Thus, we must review the great principles of the Christian faith as set forth in the Bible and make them the road by which we will ascend to God.

But what of the faith of the nation? The very first matter of faith for the nation is the racial Covenant granted by *El Shaddai* (God Almighty) to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the next matter of faith is the National Covenant granted by the Lord Jehovah to the nation Israel. The person or school who looks at generalities for this will inevitably go far astray. The covenants which lie at the base of the nation's life are granted to Israel, and to Israel alone.

There are other branches of the human family to whom other covenants have been from time to time

granted. These they have possessed and expended, as their history shows. With such covenants Israel as a race and nation has nothing to do. They were not granted to us, nor to our nation. We never were and never shall be parties to them. For instance, the covenant granted to Ishmael, and the covenant granted to the continental Empires, as set forth in the second and following chapters of Daniel.

What is material to us is the specific covenants granted to Israel of the twelve tribes, to Israel of the ten tribes, and to the House of David in conjunction with Israel. The racial Covenant made with the fathers we have inherited (Gen. 16). The first covenant granted to the nation at Mt. Sinai we received as a race, abused and lost the blessings thereunder. That covenant was broken by us, not by God. This fact is set forth in the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah, in the eighth chapter of Hebrews and elsewhere.

The New Covenant made with ten-tribed Israel is ours today. Nothing can remove it; it does not depend upon our action toward it. It is based firmly upon the "I will" and "They shall" of God. This is a better covenant, founded upon better promises (Jer. 31).

The covenant renewed with the House of David at the very time that the House of David seemed to be in the act of disappearing from history, as recorded in the thirty-third chapter of Jeremiah, is ours, for it is made with the House of David in conjunction with the House of Israel (Jer. 33).

These covenants convey to us the assurance of the restoration of the law of God in the minds and hearts of the nation, the perpetuation of the nation to the end of time, and the restoration of Jerusalem, the former and the coming capitol of the nation. The renewed Covenant with the House of David provides for the permanence of the Davidic reign in Israel forever.

These and similar things are granted in covenants and confirmed by the oath of God, that by "two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation."

The national promises and the national prophecies are just as clearly set forth as the ground of our faith, and the challenge to our faith. But we cannot pursue that matter further. Their united fulfillment demonstrates the validity of covenants, promises, prophecies and of the Scriptures generally.



THE BOOK OF THE LAW

CHAPTER III

THE RITUAL OF WORSHIP

DURING THE FORTY DAYS that Moses was on the Mount with God he received complete directions for the erection of the Tabernacle in the wilderness and for the establishment of a system of worship in Israel. This was essential in the spiritual life of God's people, for without a ritual of worship to be observed by them and keep them close to God, it would not have been long before the people would have forgotten Him and turned to idolatry. Moses was also given the pattern for the furnishings of the Tabernacle, as well as the working drawings for the construction of the Ark of the Covenant.

God instructed Moses to set aside Aaron as the High Priest and to choose his household to offer sacrifices before the Lord. Details were given to Moses concerning the type of garments to be worn by the High Priest, as well as special instructions concerning the breastplate he was also to wear.

Israel's Mission

In the service rendered to their God, Israel was to show forth God's glory to all the nations. Only Israel was qualified to build the House of the Lord. God had manifested Himself to them and they were now to manifest Him to the world.

The Bible mentions three distinct types of dwelling places for God, where He would be in the midst of His people and where He would be manifested among them:

- 1st) The Tabernacle in the wilderness.
- 2nd) The Temple in Jerusalem.
- 3rd) The Church in Israel.

In the building of each of these there was to be a specific pattern or plan with workmen to build in exact accordance with the specifications. When the work was completed the dedication of the edifice would follow. Therefore, the plan must of necessity originate with God, the Holy Spirit must be the actual Workman and Builder and the Glory of the Lord must come and fill the edifice. Thus we have:

- 1st) The plan — given by God.
- 2nd) The Workman — the Holy Spirit.
- 3rd) The dedication — the coming of the Glory of the Lord.

The Tabernacle

It is well that we review briefly the history of the dwelling places in which God has resided among His people. God was with Israel during the wilderness wanderings and while His people were dwelling in booths (tents or lean-tos), He resided in the Tabernacle. He had said to Moses:

"According to all I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle — even so shall ye make it." (Ex. 25: 9.)

The Chief Workman was the Spirit of the Lord using Bezaleel, a master craftsman, giving him the wisdom and understanding to complete the task.

The Mercy Seat, with the overshadowing Cherubims

upon the Ark, was finally finished. The Tabernacle stood completed in the center of Israel's encampment and the time for the dedication had arrived:

"Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle." (Ex. 40: 34.)

There, within the tent at the Mercy Seat, God met with Israel.

The Temple at Jerusalem

Israel finally entered the Promised Land where they were first under judges and then under kings. The time came when they were to build a temple to the Lord. It was to be a glorious dwelling place for Him among His people in the Promised Land.

If the Temple built during Solomon's reign had been erected by any other nation except Israel, the glories of its perfection would have been praised throughout all lands. The enemies of Israel's race, however, have done their best to blot from the pages of history the record of such accomplishments in the life of God's Kingdom people.

King David instructed his son, Solomon, concerning the construction of the Temple, having said to him:

"The Lord made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern." (I Chron. 28: 19.)

David received the pattern for the Temple direct from God, who also filled Solomon with the necessary wisdom and understanding to supervise the completion of the work. The Spirit of the Lord directed Solomon in that which he was to accomplish and the Temple was constructed in a most remarkable manner. The stones were made ready before they were brought to the Temple site and the historical records of the Bible State:

"There was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building." (I Kings 6: 7.)

Engineering Skill

Let us pause here to consider the workmanship and engineering skill that entered into the construction of this building. The measure used was that of the sacred cubit. This was slightly more than twenty-five Anglo-Saxon inches in length (it is also the Pyramid cubit). The skill in casting the great brass pillars would tax the ability and ingenuity of modern engineering science for each pillar weighed between fifty and sixty tons. The molding boxes and cores would weigh proportionate amounts. The mechanical skill necessary in casting the molten sea of brass is worthy of study as this sea weighed approximately eighty tons. The top core box weighed over one hundred fifty tons and the upward pressure against the top core box, as the molten metal ran into the form, was many hundreds of tons. The metal for these castings had to be smelted in a furnace that could handle this tonnage at one firing in order to get perfection in color and workmanship. The blast furnace for the preparation of this amount of metal would be equal in size to a modern steel blast furnace.

The question naturally arises as to the type of machinery used to handle these colossal castings. The fact that the

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workmen in Israel completed such an undertaking indicates skill and ability in handling molten metal of tremendous weight, as well as finishing and transporting the completed work to the Temple site. The polishing of these completed castings was no small task in itself. It is interesting to note that the stones used in the Temple were sawed with saws within and without. The size of these stones compare very favorably with the size of the stones used in the construction of the Great Pyramid. The fashioning of the Cherubims, overlay them with beaten gold, and the carvings, also overlaid with beaten gold, all speak of a high state of engineering skill and workmanship and perfection in the construction of Solomon's Temple.*

The Dedication of Solomon's Temple

With the completion of the Temple in Jerusalem, the time for its dedication had arrived. Until it was dedicated it was but a building, not very different from any other, but with its dedication it would become God's Temple and His dwelling place among His people.

Solomon made the dedication prayer and, when he had finished, "fire" came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering. Then the Glory of the Lord came and filled the whole house. When the children of Israel saw the Glory of the Lord, they bowed to the ground and worshipped.

Solomon's reign was the period of Israel's golden age, during which God poured out His blessings upon His people. Under the administration of Solomon, Israel kept God's commandments, statutes and judgments and the blessings of prosperity and peace were theirs to enjoy for a time. Israel was free from any curse of disobedience as they kept that law, and the land prospered. Poverty, destitution and want were unknown in the land during this golden period of blessing. The time was to come when idolatry and sin would enter the Temple and separate Israel from their God, but during Solomon's reign the Spirit of the Lord was present with His people. Later the Glory of the Lord was to depart from this Temple because His people apostatized.

Glory Departs

Years later Ezekiel saw in vision the departure of the Glory of the Lord. He beheld the stages in that departure: first, the Glory of the Lord left the Cherubim and stood over the threshold; then it arose and rested over the Cherubim as though reluctant to depart. Finally, the Prophet witnesses the complete departure of the Glory:

"And the Glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the East side of the city." (Ez. 11: 23.)

This mount is none other than the Mount of Olives. From that day to this the Glory of the Lord has not returned and will not be manifested again in Israel until the third, and final, phase of building has been completed. The dedication of this final work will eclipse all the former manifestations of God's presence among His people. At that time Israel will again behold the splendor and majesty of the returning Glory and the Glory of the Lord will again dwell in the midst of His people, this time forevermore.

* See "Metallurgy in the Bible," by Andrew B. Buchanan. \$.25 postpaid, Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

The building of both the Tabernacle and the Temple were important events in the spiritual life of God's people. Yet, important as these two buildings were, the final spiritual construction now nearing completion is a work of far greater importance. Because the Church is the final edifice to be built to the Glory of God, we are at this time presenting a brief outline of the building of the Church in Israel.

Both the Tabernacle and the Temple were Israel institutions. Through Jeremiah the Prophet the Lord speaks of Israel's captivity and punishment. Following that, He speaks of the latter days and states that He will be the God of all the families of Israel. He further declares, "And they shall be my people" (Jer. 31: 1).

God has never forsaken His people, though there are those who declare otherwise, stating that He called the Gentiles (non-Israelitish people) to take their place as His Church. Let the Lord answer:

"Thus saith the Lord, The people which were left of the sword [a reference to Israel exiled to Assyria] found grace in the wilderness: even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest." (Jer. 31: 2.)

Paul also wrote:

"Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with [not in place of, but with] his people." (Rom. 15: 10.)

Into the Church in Israel were to come all who accepted the Lord and were circumcised in heart. This would be under the terms of the New Covenant. And remember, that Covenant was to be made with the House of Israel.

One of the interesting differences in the construction of the Tabernacle in the wilderness and the Temple at Jerusalem was that in the building of Solomon's Temple no sound of any tool was heard during its construction.

The final temple, or dwelling place of God in Israel, is also being built without the sound of any "tool" in its construction. But it also has no need for workmen skilled in craftsmanship.

The two former constructions were built by men, though the Holy Spirit endued them with power, giving them wisdom and skill. In this final work now under construction, the Holy Spirit alone is the Builder. The dedication will take place when the completed work is assembled. Then the Glory of the Lord will return to Israel and the whole earth will be lightened with its splendor.

The Pattern and Workmen

The plan of the Tabernacle was received by Moses on the mount; the plan of the Temple was given to David by God; and the plan of the Church was given to men by Jesus Christ our Lord. Not only is Jesus the giver of the plan, but He is Himself the Pattern and Plan for every "stone" that enters into its construction. Peter declared that Christ is our example and he also said:

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house." (1 Peter 2:5.)

According to the plan demonstrated by Jesus Christ, the temple being built without hands is in the process of being made ready. It is being reared upon:

"The foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building

fitly formed together groweth into an holy temple in the Lord." (Eph. 2: 20-21.)

If one will read the New Testament statements concerning His Church in terms of temple construction, he will be amazed at the revelation. The Holy Spirit is the Builder and Workman and the Apostle wrote:

"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph. 2: 22.)

Work of the Holy Spirit

This is not the work of men's hands; neither is it being done by the organized channels of the Christian religion, for it is the specific work of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the Christian dispensations the Spirit has been preparing each stone for its place in the building. Through trials and tribulations the rough places are being smoothed, the corners chipped and the edges squared; the polishing is evident as each individual who is included in its construction grows in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and of His Word. The result is that the fruit of the Spirit becomes more manifested in the lives of those of His followers who are to occupy positions of prominence in the completed edifice at His coming.

In both the Tabernacle and the Temple there was overlaid work of gold and silver. In the temple now being built without hands, all those who, as co-workers, are laboring together are preparing the gold, silver and precious stones which will adorn the finished edifice. These are our works and, unfortunately, some, so the apostles tell us, are using only hay, wood and stubble. Paul tells us if any man's work is burned he will suffer loss and this applies to all those who are using "inferior materials" in their works.

Paul also declares:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (I Cor. 3: 16-17.)

The Holy Spirit is continuing the building every day, preparing each stone for its place as, through trials of faith and tribulations, the followers of our Lord are schooled and disciplined for His service.

Dedication of the Church

Magnificent and awe-inspiring as the dedication services of the Tabernacle and Temple were, the dedication of His Church will eclipse all these in splendor. Since the day Ezekiel saw the departure of the Glory of the Lord, that Glory has not returned. But to Ezekiel was given a vision of the future return:

"And, behold, the Glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the East; and his voice was like a noise of many waters; and the earth shined with His Glory." (Ez. 43: 2.)

The Prophet had previously recorded the departure of that Glory toward the East so he recorded its return also from the East. How strikingly similar to this description are the words of Jesus as He describes His own triumphant return:

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matt. 24: 27.)

Listen also to John's description of the voice of our Lord:

"And his voice is as the sound of many waters." (Rev. 1: 15.)

Thus, both Ezekiel and John describe the One who is to return, Ezekiel describing that coming in terms of the return of the Glory of the Lord.

Glory Seen by all Nations

Regardless of what men may say, or the skepticism of the Modernists, if there is one outstanding teaching in Scripture, it is the fact that our Lord is to return to the earth in power and glory. Prior to that return the Church, the third and final temple, will have been completed. That Church will be assembled when both the living and the dead are summoned to be present at the Marriage Supper.

Following the Marriage Supper, they will accompany Him in triumph when the heavens shall open and He rides forth upon His white horse. Then He will take over the administration of the affairs of His Kingdom, sitting upon the throne of His father David and ruling over the House of Jacob forever. At that time all nations shall behold His Glory.

Ezekiel refers to this future state when he says:

"And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever, and my holy name shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places." (Ez. 43: 7.)

As surely as the Glory of the Lord was manifested to Israel on the Mount, in the Tabernacle in the wilderness and the Temple at Jerusalem, so will that Glory return again in a more personal manifestation when the glorified Church is fully dedicated to His service and receives Him who is the Glorious Head of the Church.

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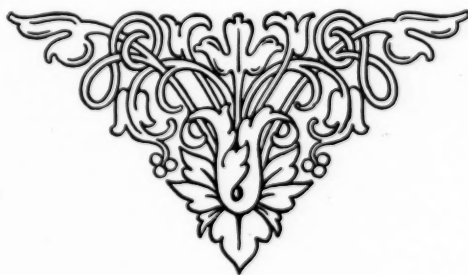
There is another — and most important — aspect to this subject. If it had been possible to carry on Kingdom activities on a paying basis, without the need of financial support, those who are interested in its program but not qualified to speak or write, would have had no opportunity to secure the blessings reserved for all co-workers in His vineyard.

Because God knew that His work would meet tremendous resistance from Mammon and all those who are unrighteous, and because He knew too that the ordinary channels of trade would be closed to His servants, He left instructions concerning its support, commanding that those who believe set aside a tenth of their increase to be used in His service. To those who prosper He commands that, in addition to the tithe, or 10% of their increase, they also give "free will" offerings according to their material prosperity.

Thus, a way has been provided for those who, by faith, believe to lay up treasure for themselves, not according to the amount given, but in accordance with its relationship to all of their assets. Under this investment program instituted by God, the poor have as good an opportunity as the rich to acquire Kingdom assets by the investment of earthly earnings and be assured of dividends on the basis of a "hundredfold" increase in the age to come.

This is a type of investment that Mammon cannot duplicate. Only the wealthy are able to take advantage of its stock and bond offerings, but God offers to the poor and the rich alike equal opportunities to acquire Kingdom dividends. Unfortunately, the love of money prevents many of the wealthy from taking advantage of these splendid investments and our Lord pointed out the problem that would confront rich men, making it difficult for them to enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 19: 23).

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A Privilege and A Blessing

IF A BUSINESS CONCERN were to offer the public an opportunity to invest in its operations, basing the percentage of returns on investments according to the terms God has laid down for investments made in His work, men would be certain the Millennium had come. But Mammon cannot afford to be so generous, for it would destroy the very basis of the profitable operations upon which it thrives.

In our present economy, when a man invests \$1.00 in a business venture, he only secures interest on a dollar at the currently-established interest rate, or dividends in proportion to the actual financial investment. The man investing \$1,000.00 would have a thousand times more in returns than could possibly accrue from the poor man's dollar. Usually, however, Mammon would not even consider accepting so small a sum as \$1.00. Such an amount would be considered ridiculous as a business investment and Mammon would be more apt to rule that the minimum investment acceptable would be \$100.00.

God reverses this order, basing the value of an investment in His work, not upon the actual money invested, but upon its relationship to a man's remaining assets. Thus, a poor man who possesses only \$2.00 and invests \$1.00 in Kingdom work has a 50% interest in the work according to his investment. A man of wealth worth \$100,000.00, giving \$1,000.00 to further the work of the Kingdom, would only have a 10% investment to his credit, though he gave a thousand times more than the poor man. Insofar as the actual amount of money is concerned, the poor man's gift in Kingdom assets far outweighs the wealthy man's gift because of the relationship to their respective assets.

Here is one of the most interesting lessons

in the study of Divine equity, for the poor man made a far greater sacrifice when he parted with his dollar than the wealthy man did when he gave a thousand times more. Often the poor are, out of their little, laying up treasure in heaven in far greater abundance than the wealthy who, from their abundance, give sums that seem to dwarf the donations of the poor.

But why should a work wholly devoted to spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom be in need of financial support? The worldly wise tell us it should become self-supporting, but a study of Christian witnessing proves that the true gospel has never been able to go forward without financial support from God-fearing men and women who have been willing to sacrifice in work, in giving money and in prayer. The very nature of the work the Lord has called us to do militates against the cooperation of Mammon and Mammon's methods since the Gospel of the Kingdom proclaims the doom of the present world economy. The work of the Lord meets increasing opposition from the foes of righteousness and Mammon knows that it is by the withholding of financial support that it can be hindered. The ordinary channels of trade that enable Mammon to conduct profitable businesses and pay substantial dividends do not operate to the advantage of Kingdom work to allow it to prosper. Therefore, those who bear the glad tidings of the Kingdom must secure financial support by other methods.

The activities of the early Church proved this true for, though its followers were known as the poor and were often destitute of worldly goods, they carried the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It was the work of pioneers filled with the Spirit of the Lord, who [

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